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Tech Sgt. John Harshma left, and Senior Airman David Gonzales, both satellite technicians from the Operating Location-C, 374th Communications Squadron. mobile tactical super-bigh frequency satcom terminal during training at Yokota Air Base, Japan, The terminal provides reach-back long-haul communications from deployed locations to defense information network systems.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### World

Beef trade with Japan: Japan's Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and President Bush spoke by telephone Wednesday to discuss ways to end Toonth ban on American beef, kyo's 15-m local media reported.

Kyodo News agency said Bush urged Koi zumi to resume imports of U.S. beef, while Koizumi reiterated Tokyo's stance that it awaits a food safety panel's decision on wheth-er to end the ban, which has been in place since December 2003.

The ban was imposed after the United States discovered its first case of fatal brain-wasting mad cow disease.

Nepal civil liberties: Nepal's main royalist party urged King Gyanendra on Wednesday to lift curbs on political parties, release all detainees, and restore fundamental rights suspended since the monarch imposed emergen-

'The political parties and the fundamental rights are the pillars of constitutional monarchy," said Pashupati Shamsher Rana, president of the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party. "All political detainees should be released and press freedom should be restored."

U.S., N. Korea nuclear dispute: Building nuclear weapons won't solve impoverished North Korea's "top 1,000 problems," the most-senior U.S. envoy on the nuclear crisis said Wednesday, as he stressed Washington's commitment to negotiating a peaceful solution to the dispute. U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Christo-

pher Hill didn't list all the challenges facing the North, which is struggling to resuscitate its economy and is reliant on foreign food handouts to feed its people.

"If you were to rank (in) order the top 1,000 problems in North Korea, nuclear weapons wouldn't help solve any of them," Hill added

won't deport woman: 104-year-old Chinese woman will not be deported from Australia despite immigration of-ficials' decision to refuse her a permanent visa, the Australian government announced

Wednesday Cui Yu Hu arrived in the southern city of Melbourne to visit her family in 1995 on a 12-month tourist visa, but no airline would return her to China because she was too old and

The widow remained in Australia illegally for another four years before applying for an aged parent visa that would allow her to stay permanently and receive free health care. But under the rules by which the department decides such applications, Hu is ineligible because she overstayed her initial 12-month



Human smuggling murder trial: Truck driver Tyrone Williams, left, is escorted by federal marshals into the federal courthouse in Houston on Tuesday for the start of his murder trial in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in 2003. Authorities say Williams. 34, a Jamaican citizen who lives in Schenectady, N.Y., was hired by a smuggling ring to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants in his hot, airless tractor-trailer. Witness Abelardo Flores, who admitted he had a long history of immigrant smuggling and cocaine use, testified Tuesday that Tyrone Williams had to know "something wasn't right."

#### States

Trial for Fresno murders: In graphic testimony that made some jurors recoil, the niece of a man charged with killing nine of his children described the sexual abuse she endured

while living in his household. Sofina Solorio testified in Fresno, Calif., Tuesday that the abuse by Marcus Wesson escalated from touching to oral sex to inter-course. Wesson forced his nieces and daughters to perform sexual acts on him and on each other as he watched, according to testi-

Wesson, 58, has been charged with murder and with several counts of sexual abuse of minors. He pleaded innocent to all counts.

Yearbook gun-photo trial: A student's bid to appear with a shotgun on his shoulder in his high school yearbook portrait went to trial in Concord, N.H., on Tuesday with his lawyer trying to prove that administrators, not stu-dents, banned the pose.

In a preliminary decision last month, feder-al judge Steven McAuliffe ruled that student ors of the Londonderry High School year book made the decision. That weakened Blake Douglass' case that his freedom of expression was being violated, since student editors have their own First Amendment protections for editorial decisions

Firing over milk experiment: A high school teacher who staged a class experiment that encouraged students to drink milk until they vomited has lost another attempt to win his job back.

North Carolina Superior Court Judge E. Lynn Johnson ruled Monday that the Johnston County School Board had "sufficient cause" to fire Jeff Ferguson following his November 2003 experiment at Smithfield-Selma High School.

Thirty-eight honors chemistry students volunteered to participate in the milk-guzzling experiment, which Ferguson said was de-signed to test the body's ability to neutralize acids

Wright house sold: A Frank Lloyd Wright house in Chicago that sat on the market for months was auctioned Tuesday for an undisclosed amount, a real estate company said.

The 1915 house had been on the market for several months and went unsold even as the asking price dropped from \$2.5 million to \$1.9 million. The owner then took the unusual step of putting the house on the auction block. Stories and photo from wire services

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## Flu-like virus hits hard at Misawa schools

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan nurses are reminding parents to keep children with fevers home as influenza - or a nasty virus with similar symptoms - ap-

pears to be cycling through the schools. "We've been sending home 10 to 20 [students] a day from our office, and on aver age, we've had 75 absent a day for the last week," Sollars Elementary School nurse Vicki Campbell said Tuesday. "On some days we've had classrooms with nine ab-

Students' symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat, aches, upper respiratory congestion and in about half the cases, vomiting, she said, adding that the illness usually lasts three to five days, sometimes a week

"This has probably been the worst I've seen in three years," she said. Cummings Elementary School across the base is faring about the same. The school's substitute nurse, Shay Bessemer, said she saw 38 students Monday but just two hours into Tuesday's school day, the count already was at 13. "They have headaches, nausea, fever," she said. "If they're not running a fever, we try to get them back to class. If they're running a fever, their parents have to go pick them up. At Sollars, absences are lower this year

#### Docs caution parents about aspirin

After seeing several children who have been given over-the-counter medical officials at Misawa Air Base, Japan, are cautioning parents not to use aspirin to treat flu-like symptoms

The use of aspirin in children has been associated with Reye's Syndrome, a rare but potentially serious and sometimes fatal condition that can cause liver and brain damage, according to physician Capt. Shayne Stokes, director of inpatient pediatric services at the base medical clinic. It can occur if children are infected with the virus that causes chicken pox or influenza and take aspirin or aspi rin-containing products. Stokes said in a written statement to Stars and Stripes.

"It is never OK to give aspirin to infants/children unless directed to do so by but more kids are being sent home with fevers. Campbell said. Parents are advised to

keep their children home 24 hours after a

fever subsides; otherwise they're still con-

cure, parents should keep their child hv-

drated and well-rested. Campbell said.

While the flu and common cold have no

tagious, she said.

a physician." Stokes stated, adding that no complications have occurred in the children who have taken aspirin at Misawa.

If a child has a fever, the doctor said, parents safely can give: ■ Children's Tylenol, at the appropri-ate dosage for the child's weight, every

four to six hours. ■ Ibuprofen (Children's Motrin/Advil), dosed appropriately, every six to eight hours, as long as the child is drinking and

urinating normally.

provide recommendations.

If parents cannot find Children's Tylenol or Children's Motrin/Advil at a ba store, they should call DSN 226-6111 and leave a telephone message for their primary care provider, Stokes said. A nurse will contact them as soon as possible to

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"You've just got to let it run its course. And hand-washing, lots and lots of hand-washing. Let's prevent this stuff."

While anecdotal evidence may point to the flu or a flu-like virus being on the rise at Misawa, Maj. LeVette Hamblin, public health flight commander said fewer neople this year have been diagnosed with an

"influenza-like illness" at the base medical clinic. Last year, 984 were seen at the clinic with flu-like symptoms between Dec. 1 and March 1, compared with 915 during the same period this year. She noted, however, that not everyone with flu-like symptoms comes to the clinic for treatment.

Still, nine of 10 cases typically are not bona-fide influenza, Hamblin said. "If you have the flu, you can't function, you can't do the normal day-to-day routine," she said.

If a patient comes to the clinic with a 100.5-degree or higher fever and has a cough, sore throat or evidence of acute pneumonia, a nasal specimen is lab tested. "So far, we've only had one come back con-firmed as influenza," Hamblin said.

But flu season isn't over. People most commonly contract influenza from about December through March, even April, Hamblin said. "You can get flu any time of year; it just isn't as common" off-season.

Flu shots still are available for those eligible. This year at Misawa that includes active-duty personnel, people 50 and older and those identified as high-risk for becoming seriously ill from the flu, such as children 6 to 23 months and pregnant women.

Most importantly, though, said Hamblin: Wash your hands, often." The vaccine offers some protection but "there are different strains of the flu and you can still get sick." F-mail Jennifer H. Svan at: svani@nstrines.osd.mil

### Groups at Zamā aim to 'teach' teenagers

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strines

CAMP ZAMA, Japan - Sitting together on cushy sofas in the back of Camp Zama's Youth Center, a half-dozen girls talked about self-esteem, boys and the stuff of life for teenage girls.

The group, which will meet weekly, is called Smart Girls - a Boys and Girls Club of America program that helps prepare girls for the obstacles and issues they

omeday might face. The program gives them a chance to talk about problems. learn alterna-

Growing up

the Youth Center

days at the Youth Center.

tive solutions and see that the tribula tions a teen faces are all part of life. "We teach

them how to woman said Hilary Allen, who leads the group with

Suchin Rice Over the next several Tuesdays, the group will discuss topics such as how to identify people to trust; the difference between sexharassment, date violence and date rape; and nutrition and

For boys, the Youth Center features another Boys and Girls Club program called Passport to



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Teenage girls talk at the Youth Center at Camp Zama, Japan, during the Smart Girls program, which teaches young women skills on many personal issues teenagers face.

Manhood, a program that addresses similar issues, said Youth Center lead program assistant Robert Chance, who leads the boys' pro-

The Passport program instills

boys with a sense of values and ethics, Chance said, including how to be hon-■ Smart Girls, for girls 12-18, meets from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at est and make decisions based on prin-Passport to Manhood, for boys 11-14, meets 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesciples rather

peer than pressure. Both groups feature discussions, "The basic trips and other events. Parents are enskills to be a man." couraged to join their teens at the Chance said.

group. Contact the Youth Center at 263-4500 for information. "How to treat neonle relationships and the Golden Rule" -do unto oth-

ers as you would have done to Both programs are part of the

Youth Center's emphasis this year on young people's development. In addition to leadership clubs, technology and sports, the life-skills programs are designed to prepare youngsters for the challenges they soon will face. Boys and Girls Clubs of America created the programs for state-side youngsters. In military communities, many topics are substituted. For example, there's not a big gang problem on base,

Chance noted, but family separa-tion during deployments is com-

The programs are also as far from lectures as the staff can make them. They try to use discussions to encourage the teens.

"A lot of hands-on" involve-ment, Chance said. "If you don't them involved they get hored

The background and skills of the center's staff helps the pro-grams evolve.

"Kids need someone like us to talk to because we're not friends but we're not counselors. We're something in between," Allen

The groups hold up to 15 kids each. Chance said he plans to offer them each semester and hopefully create a better future environment for all.

"If I'm helping one kid learn to be a better person, that's all it

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## Pa. university offers 4-year scholarships to troops' survivors

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - U.S. Ren Curt Weldon, R-Pa., hopes the actions of one university "will em-barrass" other institutions of higher learning into stepping up to support dependents of tive-duty forces.

"I hope this will embarrass other schools who talk the good game of supporting our troops but are not stepping up to the plate the way Widener is," Weldon said. Widener University will offer undergraduate scholarships of up to \$100,000 for four years for students of troops killed in action in

Iraq and Afghanistan, President es Harris announced Tuesday. The U.S. death toll from the two operations is more than 1,650. Until 1972, the 184-year-old university in suburban Philadelphia had been a military academy.

Today it maintains a strong ROTC program and offers undergrad programs in nursing, engibusiness, education, neering, hotel and restaurant management, and liberal arts with a strong biology program, Harris said. Approximately 6,300 students attend Widener.

An annual \$25,000 payout would cover the \$21,900 tuition and leave money for books and such items. It would not cover room and board. The university will provide up to 16 scholarships at a time, Harris said.

While Widener's program is the only one to offer a full four-year scholarship, about 500 of the na-

#### Back to school

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers an educational and training benefit to spous- an educational and training benefit to spous- personnel killed or permanently and totally disabled. The benefit applies to families of disabled, and the spous spous

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The benefit is available for spouses up to 10 years after the military members is killed or disabled, and up to the age of 26 for dependent children, he said. periorent children, ne said.
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tion's 3.300 institutions of higher learning have approached the Pentagon seeking suggestions on programs that would benefit GIs and their families, said Gary Woods, director of Educational Opportuni ties at the Pentagon's office of Personnel and Readiness.

Widener's board of trustees voted unanimously to continue the program for several decades, especially because most children of troops killed today are young. University officials anticipate the bulk of applicants to come in 10 to 12 years, Harris said.

The amount of scholarships could change in the future to re flect inflation or rising tuition costs, he said. The board also is seeking to raise money to offer additional scholarships, said trustee and retired Army Gen. John Tilel li Jr., a 1963 academy graduate.

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## Four more 2nd ID soldiers killed in Iraq

## Brigade's death toll rises to 48 with bombing in Ramadi

BY SETH ROBSON AND JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

CAMP CASEY, South Korea - Four more 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division soldiers have been killed in Iraq, the Pentagon confirmed Wednesday bringing the total deaths to 48 since the brigade deployed from South Korea in August.

The soldiers, all members of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, were killed March 4 when a bomb detonated amid their patrol in Ramadi, officials said Wednesday, the Pentagon identified the soldiers as Capt. Sean Grimes, Set. 1st Class Donald W. Eacho, Cpl. Stephen M. McGowan and Spc. Wade Michael Twyman.

#### Cpl. Stephen M. McGowan

Family and friends remembered McGowan, 26, a medic, as one of the stalwarts of a successful

2nd ID rugby team

during his year in

South Korea, playing

and wing, former

2nd ID rugby cap-

tain Sgt. 1st Class

Dave Clark told

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Stripes from his new duty station in Germany "Steve played for the whole year he was in Korea. He loved the sport both on the pitch and off. The former Casev (2nd ID) players will all be drinking a Guinness in his honor." Clark said.

Pyt. Brandon Uehlein, a friend who rved with McGowan in South Korea and in Iraq with the 36th Area Support Medical Company, said he felt sorrow and out-

"The world is a darker and less cheerful place." Ueblein said.

McGowan's sister, Michaela McGowan, said her brother attended St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Del., the University of Delaware and Wilmington College, receiving an associate's degree before enter-

"He loved the outdoors and anything that involved being physical. He would go on hikes with his dog or go biking and when it was nice out we loved to take days at the beach." she wrote in an e-mail.

'We always used to say that if we were going to die, we wanted to die with honor and no doubt my brother did die with honor. He has always been my hero and it seems sadly perfect he would die being one" she said

During free time in Iraq McGowan helped train female medics to deal with female Iraqi detainees, she said.

"My mother and I have had our hearts break because we will no longer have my brother come in the front door and give hugs and flash his amazing smile while telling about the job he loved to do serve his country, his flag, and the American people," Michaela McGowan wrote.

#### Capt. Sean Grimes

Grimes, 31, also was a medic "Our family is very saddened and our hearts are filled with grief," his family in

Southfield, Mich., said in an Army statement, "Sean loved the Army and the military and was devot



ed to his mission of providing the best possible medical care to soldiers. He fighting died what he believed in and our entire family is extremely proud of his service. Sean will always be a hero to us '

in Watertown, N.Y.,

with his wife and two

sons, the Kenosha

(Wis.) News said. He

was supposed to be

reassigned to Fort

Drum, N.Y., when he

returned from Iraq,

members

Grimes graduated from Michigan State University in 1997 with a degree in nurs-

ing, according to the Detroit Free Press. His family has a long history of military service, the Detroit News reported, not ing his father served in the Navy and his grandfather was an Army Ranger

#### Sgt. 1st Class Donald W. Eacho

Eacho, 38, was from Black Creek, Wis. Before coming to South Korea he lived



said. "He liked what he was doing. He thought of his guys before he thought of himself," the newspaper

family

quoted Eacho's sister. Kathy Whiteside, as saying. "When they were in Iraq, he would not give himself e-mail until his guys had

trapped in an overturned car.

e-mail. They were his family, too. Family members said he earned the Soldier's Medal in 2003 after rescuing a young girl and her grandfather, who were

#### Spc. Wade Michael Twyman

Twyman, 27, joined the Army two years ago because he "was a patriot," family members told media in his hometown of Vista, Calif., near San Diego.

"He was doing what he wanted to do. Our country was at war and he wanted to fight," his father, John Twyman, told a local television sta-The flag at the San

Marcos Fire Depart-ment, where John Twyman served 30 years as a firefighter and later chief of the department, will fly at half-staff



"I remember Wade when he was little, we all do," said Larry Webb, the current fire chief. "He always had a smile on his face. When he was back here, he came by to visit us and he was just looking great and happy to be doing what he was doing. Everybody was proud of Wade."

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## Veterans protest VA budget at hearing

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Hundreds of disabled veterans booed and jeered Republican House members on Tuesday for their budget proposal for veterans' health care, which critics call inadequate to deal with the future needs of current troops.

Following testimony before a nair of congressional committees by officials from the Disabled American Veterans, or DAV, the crowd of more than 400 wounded and disabled veterans cheered House members who criticized the president's budget plans and heckled representatives who defended the spending. The loudest heckling was re-

served for House Veterans Affairs chairman Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., who was criticized by com mittee Democrats and rebuked the crowd at one point by saying "where the river is the shallowest, it makes the most noise."

The proposed 2006 budget includes a 1.1 percent increase for the Department of Veterans Affairs, which officials from the DAV called too little to deal with the large number of servicememhers expected to return from Iraq and Afghanistan with missing limbs, mental illnesses and other

In addition, the budget would require veterans without combat iniuries and who make more than \$25,000 a year to pay a \$250 enrollment fee to use department health services

James Sursely, national com-mander of the DAV, which calls itself the voice of service-connect-ed disabled veterans, said he wants to see an additional \$3.4 billion added to the budget for veterans' medical care, and see the new fees removed.

But Republicans on the committee have already forwarded their budget proposals to House officials, and they include an enrollment fee and only slight funding increases. Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., called Buyer and his supporters hypocrites for scheduling Tuesday's hearing without any intention of considering the veterans' budget concerns.

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## AF's Blue to Green program starts off slow

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Only about

60 airmen have taken advantage of the Operation Blue to Green program in its first seven months, the Air Force said Wednesday.

The program, launched to help reduce the 17,000 extra airmen in the service last fall while helping the Army with its manning shortfall, offers bonuses to Air Force troops to transfer into high-demand specialties with the Gen. John Jumper, Air Force

chief of staff, said other retire-ment and relocation programs have been much more successful. The force is still about 7,000 airmen over its end-strength goal, but Jumper said he expects to reach that reduced level by

Air Force officials have done essentially no recruiting over the last five months and will welcome in about 18,000 new airmen this year - about 15,000 fewer

than a typical recruiting class. Meanwhile, Army recruiters missed their monthly recruiting goal in February, the first time they've come up short in almost

five years. Under Blue to Green, most airmen who opt for transfer could retain their grade and rank. Sailors also are being sought under

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the program.

## **Commander reprimanded** for scandal at Abu Ghraib

## Karpinski was suspended during investigations

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - One of the top commanders implicated in the Abu Ghraib scandal has been quietly handed a letter of reprimand, according to Army

and congressional sources.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who led the 800th Military Police Brigade and the MPs who worked at Abu Ghraib, was issued the reprimand by Army vice chief of staff Gen. Dick Cody in recent weeks.

Karpinski was suspended from command duties after a series of high-level investigations accused her of sloppy leadership that contributed to problems of abuse at the infamous prison.

Karpinski's attorney declined to comment.

It was unclear if additional punishment would be meted out against Karpinski, said officials.
"The real question now is whether there will be a relief for said one Army official close to the case, referring to per-manent loss of command respon-

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, whose role in the abuse as the chief of intelligence in Iraq was questioned in some corners, has been exonerated of wrongdoing by Army investigators. Those findings are now being briefed to

congressional leaders.

Fast was reassigned to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., several months ago. With the formal investigations now wrapping up. Army

to install Fast as the commander of intelligence training there "The fact that she's there at all," said one offi-Army

"is a cial. clear mes

sage that the Army leadership stands behind

There are no clear messages however, being sent on the fate of Fast's boss in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez

#### 'A certain reluctance'

Sanchez led all coalition forces in Iraq for more than a year after taking over the reins of V Corps on June 14, 2003. Sanchez reioined his staff in Heidelberg. Germany, after handing off command duties in Iraq to Gen. George Casey on July 1.

With Sanchez's two-year tour as commander of V Corps ending

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in a few months, it remains unclear what will happen to the Ar-my's top military official implicated in the scandal

"No final decision will be made until Army investigation ... plete," sau senior Department of-

ficial Sanchez's fate, but added "there

is a certain reluctance to put through an-

other round of hearings again." Sanchez was grilled by congressional leaders in the wake of the scandal and would have to appear before the Senate again for confirmation to any new three- or four-star assignment. Unless nominated and approved for another assignment, Sanchez would be forced to retire. Through a spokesman in Germany, Sanchez declined to comment.

At least two top investigations have already laid some blame at Sanchez's feet Another investigation is due out this week.

#### Full reckoning

Vice Adm. Albert Church is expected to brief congressional leaders on his findings Thursday.

Church, the Navy's inspector general, was ordered by Defense ecretary Donald Rumsfeld to provide a broad-based review of all the investigations into detainee operations and address areas not covered by those reports.

Army investigations into the culpability of specific leaders are wrapping up as well And while Church was not di-

rectly tasked with addressing the question of leadership accountability, the topic is sure to be raised in the hearings.

"The accountability question is critical and continues to be," said one senior Senate staffer. Indeed, senators on both sides of the aisle led by John McCain, R-Ariz., and Jack Reed, D-R.I. - have demanded a full reckoning for senior leaders and have raised evebrows at the fact that, so far, only junior enlisted soldiers have faced formal charges from the military.

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An Iraqi soldier stands by the crater after a garbage truck exploded near a hotel used by Western contractors in Baghdad on Wednesday. The blast shook buildings and covered the area with acrid black smoke.

## 30 U.S. contractors injured in Iraq blast

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - At least 30 American contractors were wounded Wednesday by a suicide bombing near a hotel in

Also in Baghdad, Iraqi officials said Wednesday that 41 bodies some bullet-riddled, others beheaded - have been found at two

sites, and they believe some of the corpses are Iraqi soldiers kidnapped and killed by insurgents. In another attack, interim Planning Minister Mahdi al-Hafidh escaped assassination after gunen opened fire on his convoy in

Baghdad. One of his guards was killed and two others were wounded, police said. A U.S. soldier was killed and another was injured Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated

as they were patrolling in the capital, the military said In the Baghdad suicide bomb-

ing, a garbage truck packed with explosives blew up outside the Agriculture Ministry and the Sadeer Hotel, which is used by Western contractors, killing at least three people, and wounding the 30 Americans, officials said. The bomber also died. The U.S. Embassy said the 30

injured Americans were among 40 people hurt in the blast, but no Americans were killed. In an Internet statement, al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility for the attack on the Sadeer, calling it the "hotel of the Jews."

The bombing shook nearby buildings in the heart of the capi tal, injuring dozens of people and sending up a huge column of acrid black smoke. Volleys of automatic weapons fire could be heard before and after the explosion

Police said a group of insurgents wearing police uniforms first shot to death a guard at the Agriculture Ministry's gate, allowing the truck to enter a compound the ministry shares with the adiacent Sadeer hotel. Guards in the area then fired on the vehicle, trying to disable it before it exploded.

Two other car bombings were also reported. Police 1st Lt. Mohammed al-Duleimi said one car bomber targeted an American checkpoint outside a base in Habaniyah, 50 miles west of Bagh-

Another car bomb exploded near U.S. troops close to a U.S. base in Abu Ghraib, just west of the capital, police Lt. Akram al-Zubaie said.

Tuesday, authorities found 26 corpses in a field near Rumana, a village about 12 miles east of the western city of Qaim, near the Syrian border, police Cant Muzahim al-Karbouli and other officials said

Each of the bodies had been riddled with bullets - apparently several days earlier. They were found wearing civilian clothes and one of the dead was a woman, al-Karbouli said.

South of Baghdad in Latifiya Iraqi troops on Tuesday found 15 headless bodies in a building inside an abandoned former army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said. The bodies included 10 men, three women and two children.

Yassin said some of the dead men in Latifiya were thought to have been part of a group of Iraqi soldiers who were kidnapped by insurgents in the area two weeks ago, Yassin said.





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#### IN THE WORLD

#### Summit examines terror funding

MADRID, Spain — Financial experts urged world leaders Wednesday to create a new international institution under U.N. auspices to study ways in which terrorists raise money.

World leaders and experts attending the four-day summit here on democracy, terrorism and security are grappling with ways to combat violence without jeopardizing human rights. But fighting terrorism particularly its financing—is complicated, in part because terrorists get money using legitimate business as well as by kidnapping, drug dealing and credit eard fraud.

#### Syrian pullback begins in Lebanon

MDEIREJ, Lebanon — Syrian soldiers flashed victory signs and waved automatic rifles as they drove east through Lebanon's mountains Wednesday in the first phase of a pullback, as government lawmakers advised the Lebanese president to bring back his pro-Syrian prime minister forced to resign by opposition protests.

Re-nominating Omar Karami as prime minister would be sure to enrage the opposition, which is demanding the creation of a government clean of Syrian domination.

In the mountains north and east of Beirut, Syrian soldiers were moving out in trucks from bases they have held for almost three decades, and — in some instances — Lebanese troops were taking their place.

#### Kim gets Russian medal

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong II made a rare visit to a foreign embassy in his country's capital to receive a medal on behalf of Russian President Vladimir Putin marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, the North's media reported Wednesday. A ceremony presenting the award "took place in grand style" Tuest.

A ceremony presenting the award "took place in grand style" Tuesday, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said, and Kim expressed gratitude for the medal and also met with Russian Ambassador Andrei Karlov.

#### North Koreans seek asylum in China

TOKYO — Seven adults and an infant believed to be asylum seekers from North Korea forced their way into a Japanese school in the Chinese capital early Wednesday, an official said.

The intruders—one man and six women, as well as the infant—entered the Japanese School in Beijing and were taken to the Japanese Embassy for questioning, said a Foreign Ministry official in charge of North Korean affairs.

Kyodo News reported that one of the intruders carried a piece of paper with a message in English that read, in part, "We want to go to South Korea. If we go back to North Korea, we will be persecuted. Please help us."

#### Cyclone nears Australia

SYDNEY, Australia — A cyclone barreled toward northeastern Australia on Wednesday, as residents of the sparsely populated region's island resorts and coastal communities fled or fortified their homes. Cyclone Ingrid had wind gusts up to 175 mph on Wednesday.

#### Investigator questions remarks in Sept. 11 trial

HAMBURG, Germany — A U.S. investigator of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks cast doubt Wednesday on statements made by a key al-Qaida suspect to U.S. authorities, including one presented as potentially exoneating evidence at the retrial of an accused aide of the suicide pilots. Dietrich Snell, a New York prosecutor who helped write the U.S.

9/11 Commission report to Congress last year, said "there's a questionability" about statements by Ramzi Binalshibh. In a key statement that U.S. authorities provided to the Hamburg state court, Binalshibh indicated defendant Mounir al Motassadeq had nothing to do with the plot.

#### Al-Qaida wanted to kidnap Crowe?

SYDNEY, Australia — Russell Crowe says Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network wanted to kidnap him as part of a "cultural destabilization plot," according to an Australian magazine.

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In an interview published in the March edition of Australia's GQ magazine, Crowe said FBI agents told him of the threat in 2001, in the months before he won a best actor Oscar for his role as Maximus in "Gladiator."

"That was the first (time) I'd ever heard the phrase 'al-Qaida,' " Crowe said. "It was about — and here's another little touch of irony taking iconographic Americans out of the picture as sort of a cultural destabilization plot," he said.

Crowe said he was shadowed by FBI agents after the threat and hired private security guards.

#### Group demands citizens' release

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — An international human rights group has called on Pakistan to immediately charge or release two American brothers allegedly picked up last year by intelligence agents for links to Islamic militants.

New York-based Human Rights Watch also demanded that the U.S. government clarify its involvement in the case in a press release Tuesday. It said the men are "being held at its (Washington's) behest in Pakistan or elsewhere."

The brothers — both U.S. citizens of Pakistani origin and identified as Zain Afzal, 23, and Kashan Afzal, 25, — are known to be "Islamist sympathizers" who trained in Pakistan as guerrilla fighters with Hezb-ul-Mujahedeen, a Muslim militant group, the rights group said. From The Associated Press



A man attends to a child who was a victim of food poisoning in Mabini, Philippines, on Wednesday. At least 27 elementary school children died and another 100 were hospitalized after eating a snack during morning recess Wednesday, officials said.

# Poisonous snack kills 27 Philippines schoolchildren

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — At least 27 elementary school children died and another 100 were hospitalized after eating a snack during morning recess Wednesday in the southern Philippines, officials said.

Francisca Doliente said her 9-year-old niece Arve Tamor was given some of the deep-fried caramelized cassava by a classmate who bought it from a regular ven-

dor outside the San Jose school.
"Her friend is gone. She died,"
Doliente said, adding that her
niece was undergoing treatment.

The roots of the cassava plant, a major crop in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, are rich in protein, minerals and vitamins A, B and C. However, it is poisonous without proper preparations.

human digestive system will convert part of it into cyanide. Even two cassava roots contain a fatal dose.

"Some said they took only two

bites because it tasted bitter and the effects were felt 5-10 minutes later," said Dr. Harold Gallego of Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital in the nearby town of Talibon, where 47 patients were taken.

The victims suffered severe stomach pain, then vomiting and diarrhea. They were taken to at least four hospitals near the school in Mabini, a town on Bohol island, about 380 miles southeast of Manila.

Mabini Mayor Stephen Rances said 27 students were confirmed dead. Treatment was delayed because the nearest hospital was 20 miles away. Television footage showed sobbing parents carrying blanket-wrapped bodies from hospitals.

Some victims were still vomiting nearly 12 hours after eating the snack, said Dr. Nenita Po, chief of the hospital at the government-run Gov. Celestina Gallares Memorial Hospital. However, those who reached the hospital and good chances of surviving, Po said, adding that some parents, worried their children ate some cassava, brought them in even if they did not show symptoms.

Dr. Po said of one those brought there was the 68-year-old woman who prepared the food with another woman. Two girls, ages 7 and 8, were

brought in with her; both died.

A specimen of the cassava was taken for inspection at the local Crime Laboratory Group.

## Countries announce plans for tsunami early-warning system

By Jocelyn Gecker The Associated Press

PARIS — Experts from the United Nations and Indian Ocean countries agreed to set up a tsunami warning system to prevent a repeat of the catastrophe that struck on Dec. 26. UNESCO said.

A fully functioning system that detects undersea earthquakes and broadcasts warnings to coastal communities is expected to be in place by the end of 2006, said Patricio Bernal, executive secretary of UNESCO's Intergovernmental

Oceanographic Commission, on Tuesday. "The Indian Ocean countries

have agreed among themselves to set up an early tsunami warning system for the whole Indian Ocean basin," Bernal told a news conference. The basin extends to the 11 southern Asian coastlines devastated by the December tsunami.

At a five-day meeting at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris, experts also laid out a timetable for the project and interim measures to help protect the region that was battered by the killer Asian tsunami.

Japan and the United States are to begin providing alerts on seismic activity to the region starting April 1. The two countries have world's most advanced tsunami warning systems, and a U.N-coordinated network based in Ewa Beach, Hawaii, issues alerts for 26 Pacific Ocean nations.

Experts say a similar system in southern Asia would have saved many lives in the Dec 26 disaster. At least 173,000 people across Asia died in the tsunami, mostly in Indonesia. More than 125,000 are still missing and presumed dead.

#### IN THE STATES

# Jackson accuser takes stand to testify at trial

#### Younger brother admits to contradictions

BY LINDA DEUTSCH The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's young accuser took the witness stand Wednesday, facing the singer in court for the first time.

With an expression that appeared to be verging on a sneer, the boy said yes when District Attorney Tom Sneddon asked him if he recognized the defendant.

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The accuser followed his 14-year-old brother, who testified he saw Jackson grope his sibling in 2003.

The 15-year-old accuser, who was a cancer patient when he met Jackson talked about attending a Los Angeles comedy camp hosted by Jamie Masada, the comedy club owner who would eventually bring him and Jackson together.

The boy said he met comedians including George Lopez and Chris Tucker. He said his favorite comedian was "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno and that he often asked Masada if Leno would attend the camp, but Leno never did.

The defense contends Leno is one of several comedians the boy's family tried to bilk out of money.

Jackson's accuser also testified about

his father hitting him, his sister and mother, and talked about what it was like to have cancer.

"I felt like there was a knife in my stomach," he said, adding that he would hold a pillow to his stomach as he slept to quell the pain.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting the boy, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to rebut a damaging TV documentary in which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bedroom. Jackson's defense contends the family has a history of filing false claims to get monev.

Jackson's accuser took the stand after his younger brother, who under cross-examination by defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. admitted discrepancies between his testimony and his other accounts of allegedly seeing Jackson molest his brother.

During questioning by the prosecution the boy told of twice looking through the doorway of Jackson's bedroom as the pop star molested his sleeping brother while he masturbated.

Mesereau confronted the witness with a previous statements to sheriff's investigators in which he said that during the



Michael Jackson gives a thumbs-up to supporters Tuesday as he arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria. Calif.

second incident he was in the room curled up on a little couch pretending to

When Mesereau asked if his account of the second molestation had changed, the boy interjected that there were actually three incidents, although that has never been alleged.

"I was nervous while I was doing the interview," he told Mesereau.

terview," he told Mesereau.

"Because you were nervous you didn't get the facts right?" the attorney asked.

"Yes," said the witness.

Associated Press Writer Tim Molloy contributed to this report.

# Northeast hit by cold blast

BY GREG SUKIENNIK

BOSTON — Whipping wind, plunging temperatures and a coating of snow and ice caused power outages and whiteout conditions, ending the Northeast's brief flutching with applies

Northeast's brief flirtation with spring
The storm dumped as much as 10 inches of
snow at Rutland, west of Boston, the National
Weather Service said Wednesday. Six inches of
snow accumulated in East Hartford, Conn., and
northern New Jersey's Blairstown Township reported 4 inches.

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Logan International Airport closed shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday because of whiteout conditions in blowing snow, but reopened one of its runways early Wednesday, Massachusetts Port Authority spokesman Phil Orlandella said. Hundreds of passengers were stranded at the airport

Massachusetts utilities reported about 22,000 homes and businesses lost power during the storm Tuesday, with fewer than 3,000 still blacked out Wednesday.

The storm had largely blown out of New England by Wednesday, with snow lingering only in northern Maine, but temperatures were as low as 2 above zero at Pittsfield, Mass., with wind chills well below zero.

Little warming is forecast through the end of the week, and the National Weather Service forecast a chance of more snow across the Northeast

The storm system battered much of the East on Tuesday, from the snow and ice in New England to vicious thunderstorms in North Carolina.

The thunderstorms in North Carolina toppled trees and damaged buildings. At least 85,000 utility customers lost power.





A plume of ash from Mount St. Helens is released Tuesday in Washington. A 30-minute outpouring began without warning, about an hour after an earthquake hit the east side of the volcano.

## Mount St. Helens spews ash plume

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Mount St. Helens appeared to be settling down early Wednesday after a startling blast that shot gritty volcanic ash to about 36,000

feet above sea level.

A fine dusting was reported as far away as 125 miles to the east-northeast in southern Grant County by the time ashfall stopped late Tuesday night, the National Weather Service reported. An ashfall advisory for some areas east of the Cascade Range was canceled at midnight.

It looks like it's gone back to roughly the same type of (earthquake) signal that we were seeing before," University of Washington seismologist Steve Malone told The Seattle Times late Tuesday.

Scientists said it was the most powerful blast from St. Helens since the latest round of volcanic activity began last fall.

The 30-minute outpouring began with practically no warning around 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, about an hour after a 2.0 magnitude quake on the east side of the

8,364-foot volcano, the most active in the 48 contiguous states, said Bill Steele, coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network at the university in Seat-

In the preceding hours there had been a subtle increase in quake activity, Malone said.

Scientists said the explosion did not appear to indicate a higher risk of a more dangerous blast, noting that high levels of the kind of gases that often signal an eruption had not been detected in recent flights over the crater.

## Clinton put surgery on hold for tour of tsunami-hit areas

The Associated Dass

NEW YORK — Former President Clinton set out on a tour of tsunami-ravaged countries last month knowing he needed most surgery on his chest. But his doctors had given him the go-ahead, assuring him that this operation — to fix a lung problem caused by his heart bypass — could wait.

Clinton returns to the hospital Thursday, almost six months exactly after having heart bypass surgery, to have fluid buildup and scar tissue removed from his chest. The condition was discovered during a recent X-ray. The operation, known as a decortication, is described by his doctors at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center as low-risk.

They will remove scar tissue that is pressing down on his left lung either through a small incision or with a video-assisted thorascope inserted between his

Clinton, 58, passed a full physical before going to Asia and scored in the 95th percentile for his age in a stress test, said Dr. Allan Schwartz, chief of cardiology at New York-Presbyterian.

#### Elder Bush comes clean about jacket gesture

WASHINGTON — Former President George H.W. Bush is confessing after 16 years. The raincoat he had an agent give to a rain-drenched elderly woman in a Warsaw town square belonged to the agent, not the president.

The woman, one of thousands of onlookers, was caught unprepared for the downpour that marked the president's outdoor speech in the capital in 1999. Alongside her, in the front row, stood a U.S. Secret Service agent, a raincoat, presumably the president's, folded over his arm. Bush, standing coatless on the platform under a large umbrella, motioned the agent to give the soaked woman the coat, which she happily accepted.

Reminded of the incident Tuesday by a reporter, Bush smiled and declared, "Yes, but it was the agent's raincoat."

From The Associated Press



## **Woman claiming sex assault sues Cosby**

BY TINA MOORE Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - A former Temple University employee filed suit Tuesday against comedian Bill Cosby in U.S. District Court, alleging that the actor sexually assaulted her in his Main Line mansion and then defamed her when the allegations became public

The civil suit filed by a Pickering, Ontario, woman seeks compensation for an alleged sexual assault in January 2004 and for defamation stemming from statements that Cosby and his agents made about her to various

Cosby has denied the sexual-assault allegations

In the suit. the 31-year-old woman said Cosby offered to counsel her on making a career change and invited her to his home after a night out with mutual friends.

At the actor's home the woman said Cosby offered her three blue pills he claimed were

She alleges in the lawsuit that Cosby then led her to a sofa, positioned himself behind her and "touched her breasts and vaginal area, rubbed his penis against her hand and digitally penetrated her.'

She returned to her native Canada after the alleged incident and did not report it to Canadian police until January, a year later.

Last month, Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. decided not to file criminal charges in the case. He cited the woman's yearlong delay in reporting the allegations.

#### Matsui widow wins

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Sounding themes familiar from her late husband's 14 campaigns, Doris Matsui, 60, handily won a special election to fill his term and will become the newest member of the U.S. House of Representatives

Succeeding her husband, the late U.S. Rep. Robert Mat-sui, she becomes the nation's congressional since 1923 to assume the seat of her spouse.

Robert Matsui, who represented the Sacramento-area 5th Congressional District for 26 years, died Jan. 1 of compli-cations from a rare bone marrow disease. He was 63.

#### Los Angeles runoff

LOS ANGELES - Incumbent James Hahn and a Hispenic dames riann and a rus-panic city councilman won slots in the May runoff for mayor after the third-place candidate conceded defeat Wednesday.

"I called Mayor Hahn this morning and congratulated him on his victory," Bob Hertzberg said.

The decision puts Hahn in a May 17 runoff with Antonio Villaraigosa, who is within striking distance of becoming the first Hispanic to win City Hall in more than a century. It also gives him a chance to avenge his 2001 runoff loss to Hahn.

#### U.S. infrastructure

WASHINGTON — Crowded schools, traffic-choked roads and transit cutbacks are eroding the quality of American life, according to an analysis by civil engineers that gave the nation's infrastructure an overall grade of D.

A report by the American Society of Civil Engineers re-leased Wednesday assessed the four-year trend in the con-dition of 12 categories of infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, drinking water sys-tems, public parks, railroads and the power grid.

"Americans are spending more time stuck in traffic and less time at home with their families," William Henry, the group's president, said in a

The report said \$1.6 trillion hould be spent over the next five years to alleviate potential problems with the nation's infrastructure.

#### Database hacked

NEW YORK - Hackers commandeered a database owned by information indus-try giant Lexis Nexis, gaining access to the personal files of as many as 32,000 people, com-pany officials said Wednes-

day.
Federal and company investigators were looking into the breach at Seisint, which was recently acquired by Lexis Nexis and includes millions of personal files for use by such customers as police and legal professionals.

Seisint provides data for Matrix, a crime and terrorism database project funded by the U.S. government that has raised civil rights concerns.

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#### Snider defends rock

Dee Snider will go just about anywhere to defend the right to

Snider, frontman for Twisted Sister, whose 1984 hit "We're Not Gonna Take It" salutes teen rebel-lion, says he'll attend Hamburg (Pa.) Area High School's annual talent show next month.

School administrators had threatened to bar rock bands from the show because of potential injuries caused by moshing, a form of dancing in which partici-

pants slam into each other Snider, now a disc jockey at Philadelphia rock WMMR-FM, heard about the controversy and ranted on air about School officials eventually backed down, and Snider helped arrange for a security company to work the show

#### Costas to receive award

Bob Costas will receive the Dick Schaap Award for Excellence in Sports Journalism at a dinner on April 11.

The award is presented annually by the Nassau County Sports Commission in Manhasset, N.Y.

Costas, a 16-time Emmy winner and veteran of NBC, has host-ed six Olympics, the World Se-ries, NBA finals and the Super Bowl. The award was established 2002 in memory of Dick Schaap, a journalist and broad-

#### Tale of tsunami survival

Petra Nemcova talks about her harrowing experience and the death of her boyfriend, Simon Atlee, in the pounding waters of the South Asian tsunami, in an interview to air on ARC

"There are lots of things which I would love to tell him, but in some way, I also feel that I lost the person closest to me," the 25-year-old supermodel tells Diane Sawyer on "Primetime Live." which was slated to air on Wednesday in the States.

Nemcova and Atlee 33-year-old British fashion photographer, were vacationing at the resort of Phuket in Thailand when the waves swept through their beach hut on Dec. 26.

## The kings of movie cool

#### These movie characters are just the right temperature

By BARRY KOLTNOW

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

e cool. It's not just a movie title. In Hollywood, being

cool can be a career for an actor. At the very least, it can be a single role that becomes etched in our pop-culture consciousness

There are cool actors who never played cool characters. The late James Dean was the epitome of cool in the 1950s. But there are no cool characters in his abbreviated résumé. Johnny Depp is the coolest guy in town right now. Sorry, no cool characters.

And yet, John Travolta has a plethora of cool roles in his portfolio. He started out cool in "Saturday Night Fever," continued being cool in "Grease" and even found cool in middle age with the role of well-dressed loan shark Chili Palmer in "Get Shorty." He reprises the role in the sequel "Be Cool," which finished in second place during its opening in U.S.

Travolta's thoughtful but tough Palmer got us thinking about cool

- 4. Rhett Butler (Clark Gable) in "Gone With the Wind," 1939
- 7. Rocky Sullivan (James Cagney) in "Angels With Dirty Faces,"
- 8. Capt. Virgil Hilts (Steve McQueen) in "The Great Escape," 1963
- Johnny Strabler (Marlon Brando) in "The Wild One," 1954
   Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) in "The Matrix," 1999

guys in movies. Sure, there have been cool female roles - played by the likes of Mae West, Barbara Stanwyck, Bette Davis and Katharine Hepburn — but they will have to wait for another story.

This story deals with manly men, and the coolness that engulfs them The criteria for making the list

was entirely subjective. It's a little difficult to describe what consti tutes a cool character, despite being a Hollywood staple. It's certainly not Albert Brooks in "Broad cast News." Sweating through your shirt is not a sign of cool.

Woody Allen's Alvy Singer

**Humphrey Bogart exuded the** word "cool" as Rick Blaine in the 1942 hit "Casablanca." Bogart - The Orange County Register appeared in 85 films and was nominated three times for the

Freeman

best actor Academy Award, winning for "The African Queen" in 1951. He died in 1957. pect Gregory Peck or Morgan

Cool is a characteristic that we can't always define, but we recognize it as soon as we see it. You'll probably notice that the

current crop of young male stars is under-represented on the list. Don't shoot the messenger. It's not our fault if the characters they portray lack the all-important cool factor

Once again, this is not about cool actors. This is about cool char-

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#### 10 favorite cool male movie characters

- 1. Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart) in "Casablanca," 1942 2. James Bond (Sean Connery) in "Goldfinger," 1964 3. Luke (Paul Newman) in "Cool Hand Luke," 1967
- 5. John Robie (Cary Grant) in "To Catch a Thief," 1955

from "Annie Hall" also didn't make the list. A cool character is not afraid of lobsters

A cool character has to exhibit a

strong measure of control. People

trust him and expect him to know

what to do in any situation. He

doesn't lose his cool when the

chips are down. He is usually at-

tractive to the opposite sex and is

admired by other men. He certain-

ly can be less-than-heroic. This is

not about heroes. John Wayne

didn't make the list. This is not

Don't look for Robert Redford

This is not about dancing - no

Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly. This

is not about elegance, so don't ex-

about romantic leading men.

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## Slick advice about changing motor oil

Dear Tom and Ray: My co-worker and I are having a disagreement about oil changes. Our question: When changing oil, is it advisable to use the same brand of oil all the time? I have always used the same brand, and think this is the way to go. She feels that as long as the oil is changed every 3,000 miles, it doesn't matter which brand is used, as long as you use winter-or summer-weight oil appropri-

ately. Thanks Jacki TOM: T hope vou

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don't have a lot riding on this, Jacki, because your co-worker is about to collect. She's certainly

more correct about oil changes RAY: Motor oils are incredibly similar. And even the same brands sometimes alter their formulation from time to time to make their oils better ... or cheap-

TOM: There are only a few things you need to look for to make sure the bottle of oil you're buying is suitable for your car. First, you want to look for the API seal. That's the American Petroleum Institute, an organization that certifies that motor oils meet the cooperative standards set by engineers, manufacturers and graduate students in chemistry.

RAY: Next, you want to use the grade of oil recommended in your owner's manual. There are really no "summer" or "winter" weight oils anymore except in the most extreme climates. Most cars use a multiviscosity oil like 5W-30 all year round (which performs like a 5-weight oil in cold weather, and a 30-weight oil in hot weather), but check your manual to be

TOM: Then check the performance level. API changes the ratings as standards improve, and you want to be sure you're getting the latest and greatest additives and technology. Currently,

highest-rated oil for gaso-RAY: And finally, you want to be sure that the bottle doesn't say something like "may contain small pieces of dinosaur bones." That would suggest that it hasn't

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been in the ground long enough. TOM: You can change your oil every 3.000 miles if you're really particular, but we recommend changing it every 5,000 miles at Today's oil is good enough to easily go more than 5,000 miles. So if you change it more often, you're just wasting your money and creating a disposal

RAY: Right. Other than using it on his hair and in his salad, my brother can't figure out what to do with all of our used oil

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## **Reroute your career!**

#### Author: Risks could save you from breaking point

BY CAROL KLEIMAN Chicago Tribun

From 1995 to 1998, when Mary Lou Quinlan was chief executive officer of a major advertising gency, she used to dream about breaking a Today, Ouinlan, 51, is founder and CEO of Just Ask a Woman, a New York-based marketing consulting firm - and she's not a masochist: She simply used to fantasize about a way to get a break from the "cutthroat" ad world and her demand-

ing job.
"My work schedule had gotten out of control and I didn't have a life," said Quinlan, who supervised a staff of 400 people and earned in the six figures. "I was working 15-hour days and traveling a lot — I even took off my heels and ran barefoot through an airport to make a flight — and I was over-

whelmed. I was a human FedEx package."

And she's not alone. "According to my research, almost seven in 10 people who make \$40,000 or more a year fantasize about taking at least several months off, and one in five 35- to 40-year-olds fantasize about it daily," said Quinlan, who has an MBA and who has also worked in ian, woo has an MBA and who has also worked in public relations and in fund raising. She quotes this statistic in her new book, "Time Off for Good Behavior: How Hardworking Women Can Take a Break and Change Their Lives." In 1998, Quinlan, who is married to Joe Quin-

lan, an independent television producer, asked for five weeks off to focus on herself.

"I combined my vacation and time due me, so it was paid leave," she said. "I fully expected to re-

The weeks of time she claimed for herself were The weeks of time she claimed for herself were better than healing from a broken leg: "I lived my life for the first time," said Quinlan, "I took walks in my neighborhood, I met friends for lunch, I took salsa lessons, I kept a journal — and the big thing was that I was relaxed and thought about my life for the first time. Did I have a life? No, I

She soon realized she wanted to do research and create strategies for companies that wanted to build their business with female customers. She also wanted to write and give talks and be in control of her life.

"I went back to work and quit the first day," Quinlan said. "I couldn't got back to that life after I once had seen the other side of the fence. It opened my eyes to what life can be

Fortunately, the agency's holding company liked her idea and provided funding for Just Ask a Woman, which she started in 1999 and bought in 1900. in 2002. The marketing firm has three employees and, she says, "is very profitable." She works nor mal hours and has reduced her travel.

Because she at first remained under the aegis

of her employer, Quinlan's leaving her job was not a financial hardship and her benefits were maintained. But she does has specific advice for others who must take a break before they break.

"Don't do it just on the spur of the moment," the executive advised. "Plan ahead. Figure out how much time you'll need. Make a financial plan, an escape hatch to bide you over in case your leave is unpaid. Get support from friends and family who might pitch in on child care, if you need it, and give you space and time to get a rest for the first time in your life."

Then, negotiate with your boss for what you need, she adds

"Suggest how work might be covered in your absence. Discuss your plans to return to work and assure them you will. If you're really misera-

ble you should just quit. Don't lie."

And use your time off wisely, as she did. "Reflect," Quinlan urged. "Start to draw some boundaries at work so that you have time for yourself, too." The executive believes it is possible to reduce stress by setting a new schedule at work

"Do something about your situation. It's scary to take the risk of a leave of absence, but the alter-

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## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Reviewing credit reports

NEW YORK - You should check your credit report at least once a year, but many Ameri-cans don't. In fact, far too many adults have never reviewed a credit report, which consists of all your current lines of credit and loans, as well as black marks such as late payments and overdraft charges

According to a survey by Experian and The Gallup Organization of 2,007 randomly selected adults, 48 percent of Americans have never checked their credit Checking your credit report is

vital for your financial success. Your credit file can reveal poor credit decisions — late pay-ments and such — that can prevent you from getting a lender's best interest rates when you invest in a mortgage or take out a personal, business or auto loan.

Reviewing your report can also help you determine if you've been a victim of identity theft - you'll know if any unau-thorized accounts have been

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The FACT Act is phasing in the one free report per year

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MOVIES

• SPORTS

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	The O.C. "The Chris most Wasn't" Secret will change the Coh (CC)	s are revealed that	Survivor: Palau (O	C)	The Apprentice (C	C)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)		•	•	Teacher's Pet (CC)	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?
8	NEWS	The O'Reilly Factor	(CC)	Nightline (CC)	Nightly Business Report (CC)	Primetime Thursda	y (CC)	American Morning				•	•
9	SPORTS	<ul> <li>College Basketbal ment Quarterfinal</li> </ul>	Teams TBA.	ples Center in Los A	Ingeles. (Taped)	nt Quarterfinal Tear		<ul> <li>SportsCenter</li> </ul>		MCI Center in Wash	ill ACC Tournament ( nington, D.C. (Taped)	Opening Round Te	ams TBA. From the
10	SPEC	Homer regresses to childhood. (CC)	support group.	JAG 'The One That rine's actions might deaths of two fellow	have caused the soldiers.	Boston Public "Ch Harper must make a concerning Senate.	a tough decision (CC)	a terrifying new eler	nurderer brings forth ment of evil.	goes into labor. (Part 1 of 2) (CC)	Friends Rachel goes into labor. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	With Jon Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
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14	TMC	(4:45) * * "Stan-	* *% "A Foreign At Blake Nelson, David	fair" (2003, Romand Arquette, Lois Smith Russia. 'PG-13' (CC	e-Comedy) Tim n. American brothers	* * "Striptease" (1	1996, Comedy-Drama nother becomes a stri	) Demi Moore, Arma	ind Assante, Ving	* *% "Color of Nig	ht" (1994, Suspense is threatened while s	Bruce Willis, Jane I	March, Ruben
24	PBS		Zoom Running an "Eggstacle Course."	The NewsHour Wit	h Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week (N) (CC)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N)	NOW (N) (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N) (CC)	Journal Editorial Report (N) (CC)	Tavis Smiley Jim Wallis. (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (	CC)
25	SHOW	* * * "Jack & Saral Mathis, Judi Dench. (CC)	h" (1995, Comedy-E A widower finds the	Irama) Richard E. Gr perfect nanny in an u	ant, Samantha inskilled waitress. 'R'	* * * s "Monster" ( Dern. Aileen Wuom	2003, Biography) Ch os kills seven men ar	arlize Theron, Christi nd lands on death ro	na Ricci, Bruce w. 'R' (CC)	* * * "Barbershop Ice Cube, Anthony a selling his establish	2: Back in Busines Anderson. A barbersh ment. 'PG-13' (CC)	s" (2004, Comedy) top owner considers	(:45) *x "Bad Company" (1994) Ellen Barkin. 'R'
27	A&E	City Confidential "F and Blood" A teache dered. (CC)	alo Alto, CA: Flesh r is brutally mur-	American Justice ly Klaas Murder An peat offenders. (CC)	examination of re-	Biography 'Dave T der' Dave Thomas, Wendy's fast-food o	founder of the hain. (CC)	Biography "Taco B (CC)		Chicken King' A pro Harland Sanders. (0	I Sanders: America's file of KFC founder CC)	woman kills her fath	'Stacey's Story' A ier. (CC)
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangero		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	(:15) TV Patrol Worl	d	Bora		(:05) Insider	Dong Puno Live		Balitang America (In Tagalog)	Wowowee		(:15) Home Boy	
30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak		•	•	American Morning	(CC)	•		•	
31	GOLF	●(4:30) Big Break II	Inside the PGA Tour		What's in the Bag?	●European PGA G	olf Qatar Masters :	Second Round, From	Qatar. (Live)			Golf Central	•European PGA Golf
32	TLC	What Not to Wear 1		What Not to Wear ' ceives a makeover.	(CC)	Clean Sweep "Helli Mess" Getting a hor (CC)	me back in order.	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear ceives a makeover.	(CC)	In a Fix "Waldorf So storage rooms into working rooms.	peramics and wood-
34	TOON	·	ry	Courage the Cow- ardly Dog	Masters of the Universe	Justice League	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon (		Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunt stage Bedlam" Anim	als in rehearsal.	Animal Cops Hous cious" Cat is severe shot. (N)	ly burned; dog is			The Crocodile Hur stage Bedlam" Anin	nals in rehearsal.	cious" Cat is severe shot.		The Most Extreme 10 smelliest animals	s in the world. (CC)
36	сом	Presents Comic Maria Bamford.	Comedy Central Presents Retta. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents "Tess" Tess performs.	Comedy Central Presents Vanessa Hollingshead. (CC)		Comedy Central Presents "Tig" Comic Tig. (CC)	South Park Boys find prehistoric creatures. (CC)	Crank Yankers Elmer calls a bus depot. (CC)	Shorties Watchin' Shorties Jay Mohr. (CC)	Dave Attell (CC)	Mad TV Nelly, Fred	
40	NGC-A	Sea Hunters "Lost F Cuba" Wrecks of the War.	Spanish American	Snake Wranglers Habu snake.	Croc Chronicles "Kings of the Pan- tanal"	it's spread through I rope and Asia.		Miracle of Pantana land wilderness in t America.	he heart of South	National Geograph Great White Bear		Protecting the President	
42	SPIKE	Untold "Bo Jackson" cusses his injury.		CSI: Crime Scene I the Box" (CC) (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene "Homebodies" (CC)	(DVS)	The Ultimate Figh			Shipmates	Maximum Exposur clubs; "Bug Bowl."	
43	FOX	Nugent tickets.	That '70s Show It's prom night for the gang. (CC)	The Simpsons "Mayored to the Mob" (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's ac- countant has the sniffles. (CC)	The Bernie Mac Show "You Got Served" (N)	The Bernie Mac Show Bernie's 40th birthday.	Jonny Zero *Lost a tricked into tracking Mafia soldier turned	down a former I federal witness.	News		The Simpsons "Mayored to the Mob" (CC)	Seinfeld A base- ball hero falls for Elaine. (CC)
44	BET	(5:00) *** "Holida Drama) Ving Rhame	s, Alfre Woodard.	Club Comic View		BET Nightly News (CC)		The Road To Gold		Club Comic View ( ian.		BET Late	
46	COURT	"Academy Awards Preview"	Masterminds "Crazy Eddie" An electronics dealer.	Cops Alleged drug dealers arrested. (CC)	call; sting opera- tions. (CC)	The Investigators investigate the disa formant.	Into Thin Air" Police opearance of an in-	Forensic Files	Forensic Files "The Alibi" DNA leads to a killer.	Forensic Files A woman burns to death.	I, Detective Sus- pected killer has a twin.	Dominick Dunne: I Justice "Doctor of E wife is missing.	Deceit" A doctor's
48	STR-WLD		The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	•Wrestling		Totally Outra- geous Behavior (CC)	Weird TV	Really Caught in to footage.		Friends (CC)	Totally Outra- geous Behavior (CC)
50	LIFE	Burns. A vengeful m	otorist stalks a woma		C)	Merge (N) (CC)		What Should You I		gun convention whe conversion kits. (CC	re dealer sells illegal ()	Suddenly Susan Nana's new friend- ship. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	Moranis. A single da team composed of n	nisfits.	Anyway? "Weird Newscasters."	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Film Dub." (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)		Precious in His Si	-	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	Mail Call "D-Day Sp D-Day. (CC)		and mechanical bre	akthroughs. (CC)	Modern Marvels "L The guns of the Am (CC)	erican GI battle.	tinue to pound Berli	it bombing raids con- n. (CC)	D-Day. (CC)	pecial" Technology of	and mechanical bre	akthroughs. (CC)
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58	ADV 1	•Action Asia Challenge From Singapore.	Game for It	"Unicycling Mexico"	bicycle journey from				Game for It	Action Asia Challenge	•Action Asia Challenge From Singapore.	Next Wave Strug- gle over land rights in Brazil.	Total Adventure "Climbing Annapur- na"
59	MTV	II The band's ego increases.	Making the Band II	II Chopper's ego grows.	II -	Making the Band II P. Diddy is unhap- py.	II Babs goes on a date.	II	Making the Band I		Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride
60	NICK	Zoey 101 Logan concocts a plan to spy.	Rugrats Angelica fakes a broken leg. (CC)	Avatar: The Last Ai Sokka rescue a stra ernous iceberg.		Avatar: The Last Airbender Aban- doned temple. (N)	Danny Phantom Danny fathers a sack of flour, (N)	My Life as a Teenage Robot School dance.	The Fairly Odd- Parents Timmy wants help. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)

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10:00 News (1) 1:40 Ultimate Fighting: K-1 GP (8) 2:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Power Play (1:54)(8) 2:33 Ione 2

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2:33 Japan Pro Ball: Exhibition Game
Yomluri Giants vs. Orix BlueWave (4)
2:40 CBS Documentary (6)
2:50 U.S. Movie (1987): End of Line
(1:50)(10)
3:00 Classic Music (1) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1986): Three Ami-gos! (1:55)(12)

#### JAPAN TV-BS7

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8:15 News Today: World 9:15 Economic News 10:10 World Reports: Children in the World 11:15 Men's Volleyball V-League: Final, 13t Game: Toray Arrows 1:10 Trans Toray News 1:10 Trans News 3:25 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News

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#### JAPAN TV-BS11

9:30 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: NHK Sympho-ny Orchestra Concert 2:30 Railroad Adventures Across 1:00 U.S. Movie (1999): Sleepy Hollow (1:50) 2:55 Inside the Actor's Studio: Clint Eastwood (1/2) 3:40 Inside the Actor's Studio: Clint Eastwood (2/2)

Evening 7:00 NHK News

8:00 U.S. Movie (1989): Driving Miss Daisy (1:40) 12:30 Classical Music: Documentary: Composer Eotvos

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6:25 U.S. Movie (2002): Just a Kiss (1:32) 12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene In-vestigation

11:00 Top Choice 2:50 U.S. Movie (1987): Mannequin

8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music

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2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
5:00 Japan Chart Top 10
Evening (1:35)
4:25 U.S. Movie (2002): Knockaround Guys (1:35)
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10:15 U.S. Movie (2003): The Pentagon Papers (1:35)
11:40 TV Series: Friends the Final No. 233

Evening 6:00 M Size Friday 7:00 Rocks 3:50 British Movie (1980): The Shin-ing (2:30)

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#### The female factor

In November, I postulated ("Policy won't let CIB change," letter, Nov. 12) the Army would not issue the Combat Infantryman Badge to soldiers with military occupational specialties other than infantry, because it would expose the canard that women are not serving in prohibited units and not conducting prohibited missions

Army Regulation 600-13, Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers, states:

"The Army's assignment policy for female soldiers allows women to serve in any officer or enlisted specialty or position except in those specialties, positions, or units (battalion size or smaller) which are assigned a routine mission to engage in direct combat, or which collocate routinely with units assigned a direct combat mission.

With the recent creation of the Close Combat Badge - an award equivalent to the CIB, but for armor, cavalry, combat engineering and field artillery soldiers the Army has taken its first official step down the slippery slope leading to full integration of the sexes

The CCB is an official recognition that soldiers from other combat arms branch. es are "assigned a routine mission to engage in direct combat." The Army is, in effect, declaring that the changing face of modern warfare is exposing other branches to the missions and dangers traditionally left to the infantry.

But what do we do about the military police performing a cordon-and-search? What about that patrol led by a cook, a chemical noncommissioned officer or an aviation mechanic? What about that air defense artillery unit conducting counter-insurgency operations, knocking down doors, getting into firefights, dying in ambushes?

Oh, that's right. There are women in those formations.

Caught in the conundrum of doing what is right (recognizing soldiers with the CCB) and flaunting both the law (USC Title 10) and ignoring its regulations (AR 600-13), the Army, as the biblical prophet Hosea warned, has "sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenneth C. Jensen

#### Hanau, Germany

#### Howell has more to offer

I am assigned to Headquarters, 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard. I was excited to see my hometown of Howell, Mich., in Stars and Stripes until I scrolled down and realized that the auction house was selling Ku Klux Klan robes ("KKK auction causes stir," American Roundup, Feb. 26).

I want the people who read Stars and Stripes to know that we in Howell are good, honest, hard-working Americans

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who are trying to put the past days of KKK rallies and group meetings behind us.

My close friend, Staff Sgt. Tony Williams, was wounded here in Iraq last year, along with countless other black American soldiers. He fought for freedom, not freedom to be racist. I am a wounded vet now, and we share a common bond.

The 1462nd Transportation Company just returned to Howell the last weekend of February after a yearlong deployment. I wonder how our black combat vets felt to hear this

It is time we close the old chapters in America's history and start writing new chapters for future generations. The time has come to take the reins and start changing the ways things are. It is time for Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., and his voters to take the lead on this issue and move Howell into a new era for all of us.

Staff Sgt. Sean E. Knudsen Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit. Iraa

#### 'Doonesbury' defended

Wow! A Marine colonel based in Iraq is offended that Doonesbury is in Stars and Stripes (letter, "Trudeau strip a 'piece of " March 2). By gosh, get rid of it immediately. We wouldn't want the good colonel to have to deal with any opinions he doesn't like

Hmmm! Didn't the Marines just help overthrow a dictator who had those same thoughts? Come on, colonel, wake up. There are actually liberals as well as conservatives in our military. Stars and Strines reflects that with the two strins shown on the editorial pages, notice "Doonesbury" (on the left) and "Mallard Fillmore" (on the right). And if either strip bothers you, don't read it!

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

#### Drop 'Doonesbury'? 'Absurd'

I found the letter disparaging Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury" interesting, but sad ("Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' March 2)

Trudeau's work appears in more than 1,400 daily newspapers and he was the first comic strip creator to receive a Pulitzer Prize - and later was runner-up for a second Pulitzer Prize.

The job of an artist is to inspire people to think, often about unpopular topics or contentious issues. That the reader wrote his comment shows Trudeau is doing his job and the reader fell into "the trap The reader's ranting was too emotional

to be taken seriously. To demand a comic strip be discontinued is absurd. What the reader wants, I guess, is only journalism that agrees with his point of view. That way, he would not have to think too hard.

I have been reading "Doonesbury"

since high school — when Trudeau drew searing stories about the Vietnam War. I do not always agree with him, but I respect his intelligence and skill. While I personally find Bruce Tinsley's comic strip "Mallard Fillmore" immature and at times pathetic, I would not think of demanding its cancellation. It is amazing that we are in Iraq promot-

ing democracy's freedoms, yet the writer wants to ban a comic strip he finds insults his opinion and questions America's goals. That would be like promoting a totally secular government here [in Iraq], while promoting one that is becoming more and more "religious" back home. Hey - now there is an idea for your next strip, Trudeau! Col. Charles Mitchell

#### Combat MOSs 'earn' badge

I keep reading about the new Close Combat Badge. All I read is people complain-ing about why they don't have a badge and combat military occupational specialties

When I enlisted, I chose infantry because I wanted to be the one on the front lines toe to toe against the enemy. So the first time an infantryman makes contact, it is something he has been waiting for since he joined; all the sweat and pain suffered through training finally put to the ultimate test.

Same thing goes with other combat MOSs. I understand that when a noncomhat MOS makes contact he or she feels a badge is deserved, but the difference is that it is not his or her mission — he or she was just at the wrong place and at the wrong time. In infantry, we go on patrols to look for the fight.

I give those in noncombat MOSs respect because they fight back and keep on with the mission. Those of us in a combat MOS have earned the badge because we trained and used our skills for our main mission. to engage and destroy the enemy.

Pfc. Carlos Moncada Forward Operating Base Justice, Iraq

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury







#### **OPINION**

## Merger mania: Size is the law of the jungle

BY ROSABETH MOSS KANTER hen elephants dance. grass gets trampled."

That African proverb could be an American business saving too. Corporate giants are prowling again, hungry for acquisitions. Will they trample the folks at the grass roots? The higgest retailers are getting bigger. Federated (owner of icons such as Macy's and Bloomingdale's) is buying May Department Stores (Lord & Taylor, Filene's and others). CVS expanded its

already-large chain by buying Eck-"As retailers swallow, manufacturers follow" - to coin a new business proverb. Giant distributors provoke suppliers to merge.

Gillette executives cite the need for clout with gargantuan Wal-Mart as the reason for selling Gillette to Procter & Gamble.

Size is the law of the jungle. Banks continue to consolidate; Citizens Bank CEO Larry Fish predicts that six big banks will soon dominate the U.S. market. Media conglomerates own local broadcasters and newspapers. Telecommunications is shaking down to just a few giants, as SBC acquires AT&T, Verizon and Qwest vie to buy MCI.

This merger surge derives from more than a herd mentality or ambition to be king of the jungle. It reflects a long-term economic power shift from production to distribution. Companies with large distribution networks dictate terms to their suppliers and control the flow of goods and services to consum-

Long-term economic logic might favor this process, but in the short term, much grass gets crushed.

Let's start with consumers, whose purchases fill company cof-

Consumers hate mergers, Busi-ness Week asserted in December. That's not surprising. In service industries, a change in company ownership potentially inconveniences each individual user of a bank account, e-mail domain, cell phone line, long-distance plan or discount card - not to mention losing neighborhood facilities. While waiting for services to improve, consum-ers bear the costs of confusion -

and upgrades they might not want. Another grass-roots worry is ris-ing prices if competition decreases. At a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing last week, U.S. Rep. Edward Markey. D-Mass., asked six telecom CEOs involved in three notential mega-mergers to guarantee not to raise post-acquisition prices. No promises.

The work force isn't happy either. A Conference Board report on falling U.S. job satisfaction widespread discontent across ages and incomes. Half of Americans surveyed say

they're satisfied with their jobs. down from nearly 60 percent in 1995; only 14 percent feel very satisfied. In a related study, 40 percent feel disconnected from their employers, 25 percent are just "showing up to collect a pay-check." Mergers add uncertainty and anxiety that depress satisfac-

Some laid-off employees pray for work, others decide to worship something bigger than business After merger-related layoffs in a high-tech suburban corridor, church attendance increased.

Community leaders deplore acquisitions that remove a local headquarters. My research shows that companies contribute more money and leadership in their home office city. A division owned by a giant elsewhere doesn't have the same check-writing ability. Local nonprofits find corporate support shrinking - unless they, too, expand their networks across cities to match giants' national reach

Personally, I don't hate all mergers. I just hate the way most are managed. Attention focuses on making the deal, not on what hap-

pens afterward. Some mergers do bring instant improvements. CVS enhanced pharmacies at former Eckerd stores. Shinhan Financial Group in South Korea raised wages for workers in an acquired bank. Others create funds to maintain local community support for several years. This shows what's possible.



Opposition to mergers by local politicians is often misguided and futile. But if concerned citizens can't trip the elephant, they don't have to let grass grow under their feet either

Consumers can make noise at the first announcements and vote with their wallets. Workers can keep skills fresh and an eye on starting their own business. Voters can insist on better programs to heln with transitions and attract new jobs. Local nonprofits can de-

velon innovations valuable outside their community. Communities can encourage leadership from those more deeply planted than big companies: entrepreneurs (in cluding women) and professional sectors such as education and

We know what kinds of heasts the elephants are. That makes it even more important to cultivate trample-proof grass

Rosabeth Moss Kanter is a Harvard Business School professor and author of "Confidence." She wrote this for The Miami Herald.

## Brusque Bolton now will set tone for U.S. at U

BY SUSAN E. RICE

resident Bush has shocked even his most cynical critics by nominating the combative neoconservative John Bolton to one of our most complex and sensitive diplomatic posts: U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Bolton served the past four years as undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, though then-Secretary of State Colin Powell initially resisted his appointment.

Condoleezza Rice, who passed over Bolton for deputy secretary despite strong sup-port for him from Vice President Dick Cheney, put on a brave face Monday in an nouncing his appointment. She stressed the administration's commitment to U.N. reform and praised Bolton as a friend of the United Nations who helped repeal the noxious General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. But as Rice must know, keeping Bolton off her team at State may prove a Pyrrhic victory, if he takes his notoriously abrasive style to New York.

The job of U.N. ambassador is always important and delicate, but arguably never more so than now. The United Nations is facing unprecedented, justified criticism for its role in the oil-for-food scandal and its failure to prevent peacekeepers from sexually exploiting civilians in Congo, Several Republi can members of Congress are gunning for Secretary-General Kofi Annan's head. In response, Annan is shaking up his management team and reminding the United States how badly it needs the United Nations.

Indeed, the United States is relying on the United Nations to carry out a massive tsuna-mi-recovery effort and 17 peacekeeping mis-sions, to support the democratization processes in Afghanistan and Iraq, and to pressure Iran to halt its nuclear program. At the

60th anniversary of its founding, the United Nations has rarely been more relevant or in greater need of reform.

Is John Bolton the right man? Having served as assistant secretary of state for in-ternational organization affairs from 1989 to 1993, Bolton may be deemed qualified, but his record on multilateral issues is alarming. He told The Wall Street Journal that "the happiest moment of his government ser-" was when the Bush administration renounced the treaty on the International Criminal Court. Bolton led the administration's withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, scuttled an important biological weapons protocol and weakened an international agreement to limit small-arms trafficking On these issues Rolton's positions at least reflected administration policy.

But Bolton holds many strong views that

diverge sharply from current U.S. policy. He described the United Nations as "a great, rusting hulk of a bureaucratic superstructure ... dealing with issues from the ridicu-lous to the sublime." More important, he maintains that the United States has no legal

obligation to pay its U.N. dues.

Once a paid consultant to the Taiwanese government Rolton favors Taiwan's independence and its full U.N. membership — a dangerous position in light of cross-straits tensions and our efforts to obtain Chinese pressure on North Korea. Will Bolton set aside his support for a Taiwanese U.N. seat while manning the U.S. seat on the Security

Bolton has testified against U.N. involvement in Congo, an interstate conflict that has cost 3 million lives. He blasted the United Nations' concept of operations for its Ethiopia-Eritrea effort and rejected U.N. civil administration missions in Kosovo and East Timor, Will Bolton undergo such a conversion on the road to First Avenue that he can effectively support U.N. peace operations?

Finally, Bolton criticized any "'right of humanitarian intervention' to justify military operations to prevent ethnic cleansing or po-tential genocide." One must wonder how forcefully he will work to halt what the ad-

ministration deems genocide in Darfur Rice asserts that Bolton will be an outspoken, effective U.N. ambassador in the vein of Jeane Kirkpatrick and Daniel Patrick Moynihan. ... Those of us who believe the United States needs an effective, reformed United Nations can only hope he succeeds.

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BY BRUCE TINSLEY

#### Mallard Fillmore

I APPLOSIZE to OUR VIEWERS FOR OUR SELF-ESTEEM GENERATION AS USET INVALUATION TO ANSWER EVEN THE SIMPLEST OF QUESTIONS. YOU FORGOT TO SAY GOOD INTERVIEW AND to tell ME HOW SPECIAL QUESTIONS I AM. I GUESS THIS CONCLUDES INTERVIEW.

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#### Early detection

HI HONOLULU — Re searchers using a sophisticated sensor aboard an aircraft flying at the edge of space were able to spot an invasive tree species starting to take over native forests near the Big Island's Kilauea Volcano, according to a study.

The sensing instrument pinpointed where Myrica faya trees, originally from the Canary Islands and the Azores, are start ing to take over native ohia trees in and around Hawaii Volcanoes Na-

tional Park Previous studies located the Myrica trees, but mostly after they had proliferated, scientists said. The study indicates the remote sensor can spot infestations at their very beginning stages when there is still a chance of controlling

#### Seeking CEO's salary

MA BOSTON — The family of a dog electrocuted when it stepped on an electrical hot spot along a sidewalk has demanded a payment from NStar Electric of \$740,000, the amount the utility's chief executive earns annually, or it will sue, an attorney said.

'We tried to come up with an offer that had some poetry to it, and that would say in very clear terms to NStar: 'We don't want this to keep happening'," said John G. Swomley, the family's lawyer.

Swomley said that after three dog deaths in Boston since 2000 blamed on so-called stray voltage, the family wants a sufficiently harsh financial sanction to force the utility to solve the problem.

NStar, which has taken full re-sponsibility for the incident, offered \$200,000, which the family said it turned down

#### Drop-out rates drop

SAN ANTONIO - More than a third of Texas high school freshmen are failing to obtain a high school diploma in four years, according to a study.

The Intercultural Development Research Association study found that 36 percent of Texas students who entered high school in 2000 weren't around to graduate in May

That rate, known as the attrition rate, decreased slightly from last year's 38 percent. The attrition rate was 39 percent in 2001-02. The association's first report, for 1985-86, found a rate of 33 percent. It rose to a high of 43 percent in 1996-97 before leveling off.

Minority and male students made up the majority of those who did not graduate on time last year.

#### Conviction reinstated

AR LITTLE ROCK — A man freed of a 30-year sentence for rape will have to serve that senafter all, a federal appeals court says

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis overturned a 2004 ruling by U.S. Magistrate Jerry Cavaneau that threw out one of eight felony convictions against Stephen Anthony Sera of Irving,

Texas. Sera was convicted in 1998 of sedating and then sexually assaulting women while he videotaped the encounters. Cavaneau ruled that a videotape used as evidence during Sera's trial on the rape

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charge should not have been used and was prejudicial, because it actually showed an incident from a different night

Cavaneau's ruling let the seven other counts stand, leaving Sera to serve the next-longest sentence 15 years for attempted rape.

The appeals court ruling reinstated the rape conviction and 30-year

#### Restoring the trails

PA ALLENTOWN — Restoration of overgrown hiking trails, camping outings and nature studies this summer will mark the start of a five-year program of improvements at Lehigh County's Trexler Game Preserve, officials said

County Executive Jane R. Ervin, members of the Harry C. Trexler Trust and other officials outlined details of this year's work, which will cost an estimated \$24,500.

The county and trust intend to spend \$2.75 million through 2009 on improvements designed to open the 1,100-acre park to greater pub-

#### Bill targets prairie dogs

SD PIERRE — Gov. Mike Rounds has signed a bill giving South Dakota ranchers some extra ammunition in dealing with prairie dogs that invade from boring private property

The measure will conditionally reinstate prairie dogs on a state list of pests and allow for local control



#### Water boy

Chase Barnes, 1, gets wet as he attempts to water flowers and grass around his family's home in

methods in certain circumstances. If that is done, county weed and pest boards could n prairie dogs in one-mile huffer zones

The new law is intended to work in conjunction with a comprehensive state prairie-dog management plan that was approved by the Legislature. The plan seeks to pro-tect the rights of landowners while balancing the prairie dog population to prevent black-tailed prairie dogs from being listed as an endangered spe-

#### Nut growers head south

CHUMUCKLA - Santa Rosa County peanuts have won such a reputation for hardiness across the Southeast that ers sell much of their harvest as seed. Now, the growers are looking south to Central America for new markets.

County Commissioner Don Salter and members of the county's economic development will participate in a four-day Flori-da trade mission to Panama to promote various products produced in the state

"The opportunity is there," Salter said. "It's well known that Central America continues to open its borders to free trade

#### Prosecuted for piracy

A7 PHOENIX — An Arizona university student is be-lieved to be the first person in the country to be convicted of a crime under state laws for illegally downloading music and movies from the Internet, prosecutors and activists

University of Arizona student Parvin Dhaliwal pleaded guilty to possession of counterfeit marks, or unauthorized copies of intellectual property.

Under an agreement with prosecutors. Dhaliwal was sentenced to a three-month deferred jail sentence, three years of probation, 200 hours of community service and a \$5,400 fine. The judge in the case also ordered him to take a copyright class at the University of Arizona, which he attends, and to avoid file-sharing computer programs

#### Not bad for a dime

MD BALTIMORE — A dime struck in 1894 at the San Francisco mint was auctioned for - the most ever paid for a United States dime, experts said

The winning bidder took part in the sale by phone and was not identified

The coin, described as being in nearly pristine condition, was one of only 24 dimes made that year at the San Francisco mint, whose director had requested them as gifts for visiting bankers

#### Recruits skip mental test

SC CHARLESTON head of the state Criminal Justice Academy says he's con-cerned South Carolina has dropped a program that gave aspiring police officers a psychological evaluation.

Budget cuts prompted elimination of the tests, which state law doesn't require. Academy director William Neill says not every pro-spective officer has the maturity and mental stability to handle the



My, what beautiful claws

Spikey, a standard poodle, Labrador

retriever and American pit bull mix, has his nails trimmed by pet groome Myra Macias in El Paso, Texas. Macias recently won several top prizes including a best in show and best in class at the Groom and Kennel Expo in Rurhank, Calif.



A moving moment

lessie and Alfred Casorena sit in lawn chairs as they watch the home of former Kansas governor Alf Landon be moved off its original lot on West Maple Street in Independence, Kan., to another lot on South Eighth to make room for a new Walgreens.



Temperatures in the high 50s, snow and short sleeves make an odd It must be March combination but also make for outdoor fun for St. Mary's School fifthgraders as they climb, slide and toss snowballs on a snowbank in the school parking lot in Canandaigua, N.Y.



Commercial crabber Allen Heckard Dig those clams enjoys a day off from his boat digging for razor clams in Long Beach, Wash. The razor clam season lasts only three days



A special Olympian Dan Craver of Kalispell, Mont., smiles broadly after finishing a snowshoe race during the Special Olympics Montana 2005 Winter Games at Big Mountain in



Milo, a rat terrier, checks out the view while being chauffered through Cameron Park in Easy rider Waco, Texas, by his owner Craig Row, who took advantage of the sunny day.

#### Dorm precautions

WY CHEYENNE — Fire sprin-kler systems will be installed at all Wyoming college residence halls. A dormitory fire at Northwest College a year ago was the impetus for the retrofit, autho rized under a supplemental budget bill signed into law by Gov. Dave Freudenthal. No one was seriously hurt last March in the blaze, which caused \$5.8 million in damage

#### Alleged counterfeit

CA SAN JOSE — A federal grand jury has indicted three people for allegedly using counterfeit credit cards to ring up millions of dollars in fraudulent purchases in the United States and Canada between 1998 and 2001.

The case "may be one of the largest counterfeit credit card rings ever discovered in North America," said Paul Morrissey, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's San Francisco field office.

Prosecutors said the suspects stole credit card numbers and used the accounts to make purchases in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia and Seattle, and the Canadian cities of Calgary and Vancouver between 1998 and 2001.

Raids in Oakland, Calif., and Vancouver turned up thousands of phony cards and equipment needed to make them, authorities said.

#### Something fishy here

AZ TUCSON — A controlled flood meant to aid fish in the Grand Canyon may have had the opposite effect.

Researchers hoped the 90-hour release of water in November from the Glen Canyon Dam would redistribute sediment to create beaches. plant-rooting soil, and backwaters and pools to help fish breed.

But scientists studying the effects of the flood announced they found 63 percent fewer of an endangered minnow called a humpback chub than before the flooding. They are not sure why.

The fish caught after the flooding tended to be somewhat larger than fish examined before the flood, suggesting that the smallest fish de clined most significantly, said Lew Coggins, a fisheries biologist.

#### **Determined employee**

WESTON - Her car made a spectacular crash into an alligator-infested canal and she couldn't swim, but Ana Maria Amaya still got to work on time. Amaya's car clipped another ve-

hicle on Alligator Alley, the highway connecting Fort Lauderdale and Florida's Gulf Coast, and went airborne, police said. She landed in the roadside canal and began sinking as other motorists stopped and called 911.

she can't Although Amaya, 32, climbed out and headed to dry ground - after stopping and returning to the car to retrieve her immigration papers in her purse. One witness reported seeing two alligators near the car. Instead of taking the day off,

Amaya got a ride a few hours later to the restaurant where she works. arriving on time

#### Cheaters never prosper

MA BOSTON — Harvard Business School will reject 119 applicants who hacked into the

school's admission site to see if they had been accepted, the school's dean Kim Clark said.

"This behavior is unethical at best — a serious breach of trust that cannot be countered by rationalization," Clark said.

Systems at about six business schools were backed into after someone posted instructions on an online message board. Most applicants saw only blank screens when they tapped into their files, but some Harvard applicants glimpsed preliminary decisions about whether they would be admitted.

Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business has already said it will deny the applications of proven backers.

#### Prescription for needy

KS TOPEKA — While many states consider reducing benefits or overhauling social programs to save money. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius wants to expand medical services for the needy.

Sebelius, a Democrat, has proposed increasing tobacco taxes to finance an expansion of the state's Medicaid program to cover more poor adults, making her an unusual example of a governor who wants to spend more.

Sebelius' goal is Medicaid coverage for adults at the federal poverty level, \$19,350 for a family of four, instead of the current threshold of \$7,160.

#### Spreading the wealth

ME FREEPORT — About 4,700 L.L. Bean employees will receive bonuses totaling 12.5 percent of their annual base salaries after the company announced record sales of \$1.4 billion for fiscal 2004. An additional 5,600 seasonal workers will get \$150 bonuses. The privately held L.L. Bean said sales increased 9 percent from 2003.

#### Making music together

MO ST. LOUIS — Musicians from 14 symphony orchestras across the country were set to join St. Louis Symphony musicians for a free concert to thank the community for its support during a recently ended two-month strike. The program will feature more than 80 musicians who will be directed by Benjamin Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic.

#### Girl, 5, kicked off bus

DALLAS — A school bus driver accused of forcing a 5-year-old girl to get off the bus more than a mile from her scheduled stop was placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation.

Jadian Anderson said the driver made her daughter, Syria, get off the bus after she complained that another student was hitting her.

"He did not leave her with another adult; he left her on the street," Anderson said. "He was very negligent, and he endangered my child."

Syria walked about a half mile before a crossing guard saw her and noticed she was crying. While the guard was trying to figure out where she lived, a relative drove by, saw the girl and picked her up.

The driver, who was not identified, also is employed by the Dallas Independent School District as a hall monitor.

Stories and photos from wire services

#### J Horoscope

The headstrong Aries lunar energy causes some to be overly aggres sive, thinking that the louder they talk or the more they repeat themselves, the better their

chances of being heard. The opposite is true. With so much Pisces energy in the heavens, subtlety communicates much more clearly. Dare to be soft humble and even coy

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11). You're on a mission - nearly obsessed, really! This intense degree of focus is what it takes for mastery and attainment of something that goes to the elite few! In May, circulate, and make valuable contacts. Finances improve, and because of this, you're able to fund life-improving summer projects. Love is an adventure with

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). That unpleasant person or awkward issue must now be dealt with direct-

Leo and Libra.

lv. Avoidance is pointless. Like a bad French movie, your life will keep intersecting with the thing until a madcap culmination is reached TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

#### When communication is missed and events don't unfold cleanly, extend the benefit of the doubt. You're so

on the go that even people who should know how to find you have a hard time tracking you down. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

The saying goes that "rejection is God's protection." In spite of recent reversals, the demand for what only you can deliver has not slacked in the slightest. You're still charismatic, and tonight's events prove it.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're a giving soul. But the neediness in the world is just too strong a current and succumbing to it will drag you in over your head. Though you won't be able to give people all they want from you, give what you

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your inventiveness, intuition and ingenuity sparkle up everything you touch. You've got answers that even the

powers of Google couldn't deliver! Too bad friends don't follow your advice, but hey, at least you follow

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sentimentality dictates some of your activities. It's not like you, and

#### **Holiday Mathis**

maybe that's the appeal. You feel soft and pliable. It's time to admit it: Your passing fancy is growing

#### into an abiding attachment LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll

witness the domino effect. Perhaps the snarled-up plans of the day would discourage a less creative soul, but you'll make something

magical out of the whole mess You're nothing if not resilient

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your psychic antennae are active

ed. Someone is either talking about what you can do for him or her or fantasizing about same. What a coincidence - you were just think ing about what that person might do for you

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What's life without glamour, art and adventure? Unless you do

some research or make some plans for the weekend, you're about to find out! Get on that! A Gemini can contribute

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Even if you're destined for a day of labor, find ways to cut loose and have a little fun. Your association with a Leo or Aquarius helps. Playful electricity is in the air. Join the merry-go-round of people out and about

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What would happen if you just let go of plaquing commitment issues? Maybe you're just fine with the level of commitment you have! Love is more fun if you play it by ear now

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Abandon antiquated ideas and

outdated methods for the modern streamlined and efficient. The more you automate your life, the more time you have to be frivolous and spontaneous. Reintroduce yourself to the concept of fun.

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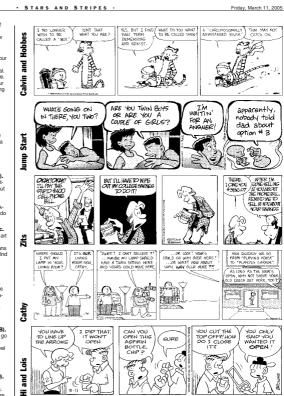


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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THE VANDALS DESTROYED ROAD SIGNS. PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals P







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## **Expensive gifts mark of pedophile**

Dear Abby: I am a happily married man, raising two daugh-ters, ages 12 and 15.

A friend I have known for 20 years, "Kevin," has become a little too friendly toward our 15-year-old, "Amanda." He has been giving Amanda money for doing nothing. The first time, he gave her \$300 Dear Abby and told her not to tell her mother or me. Of course, our daughter told us anyway. When we confronted Kevin, he said he felt sorry for Amanda and she was supposed to baby-sit to pay back the loan, so we allowed her to keep the money to buy

clothes with A few weeks after that, Kevin gave Amanda \$200 for letting him cut her long blond hair so he could sell it on the Internet. Needless to say, her mother and I were very upset. But instead of confronting him again, we just gave Kevin the cold shoulder, hoping he'd

get the message and go away About a month later, he snuck into our home while my wife and I were out and installed a satel lite boy in Amanda's room When we discovered the box, we asked Amanda where it came from, and she said Kevin. I looked at the programming on the box. It had been rigged with free pay and pornography channels. We

removed the box, gave it back to our ex-friend and ordered him never to come around our kids again. Do you

think we did enough? - Unsure in Washington

Dear Unsure: One of the things pedophiles do with potential vic tims is something called "grooming." They befriend the young person, give him or her gifts or money,

encourage the minor to keep secrets from their parents, and then the seduction begins. That's what the "free" porn channel in your daughter's bedroom was for. You did not do nearly enough

in dealing with this predator Although you may have discour aged him from targeting Amanda, your community? Please contact your local police immediately

Dear Abby: My daughter came home from school the other day with bruises on her body When I asked her how she got them, she told me a little boy beat her up at recess. I went to the school to talk with her teacher but nothing was done, and my daughter came home with another bruise vesterday. What should I do?

- Worried Mom in Thomasville, Ga.

Dear Worried: Your child has a right to get an education, free from bullying or harassment. Since talking to the teacher didn't help, here's the drill: Take your complaint to the principal of the school. If that doesn't stop the problem, go to the school board. If they fail to act, consult a lawyer. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write

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suggested by the above cartoon.



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argin

> (Answers tomorrow) LIMPID

## Make best of daughter's choice

Dear Annie: Lam

concerned about my 21-year-old daughter "Lindsey." She has been with "Chip" for three years, although the relationship has always been on-again, off-again, Last year, Chip broke up with her, she gained a ton of weight, and then begged him to come back, alter-ing her entire self to become the person Chip wanted her to be.

It devastated us to see this intelligent young woman become someone she is not. But even worse, last summer she and Chin were married. It kills me that she makes concessions to him. She attends college full time and works part time, and he expects her to keep the house clean, make dinner, do laundry, etc while he works at a job making slightly above minimum wage then comes home and sits on his behind, watching TV. At one point, Chip told Lindsey he didn't then changed his mind, and she let him move back in



Her father has just about washed his hands of her, and to be honest, I am not far behind. When Chip comes over, which is rare, we try to be friendly and make him feel welcome But how can we accept a person like this into our family when we know how little he cares about our daughter's feel-

ings? I love Lindsey so much, and this is breaking my heart

- Desperate Mother in Kentucky

Dear Desperate: Lindsey may have made a mistake marrying Chip, but she is an adult, and you're going to have to make the best of it. You are wise to be friendly and welcoming to your son-in-law, because doing otherwise would push your daughter away. Make sure Lindsey knows how much you love her and that vou will always be a source of comfort and support. Meanwhile, we hope Chip can grow up and become the man he needs to be

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Bride in Endicott, N.Y.," who said it was great when shower guests address their own thank-you notes because it means the spelling and address are correct. She also said

it helps if the guest identifies how she is related If a bride doesn't know me well enough to know who I am, why on earth did she invite me to her

shower? - Cross Me Off Her Guest List Dear Cross Me Off: Let's not go overboard. We agree that brides should address their own thank-you notes, but it is not

unusual for unfamiliar guests to be present. After all, the bride is not the one hosting the party. It is proper, for example, to invite the new in-laws, including the groom's cousins and aunts whom the bride may not have met previously.

Met previously.

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#### **Family Circus**



he was a - "MIDDLE" MAN

"They're a little big for you, Grandma, but that's okay. You'll grow into them.'

# MRA

"I NEED YOUR HELP, DAD, MOM'S GONNA FIX



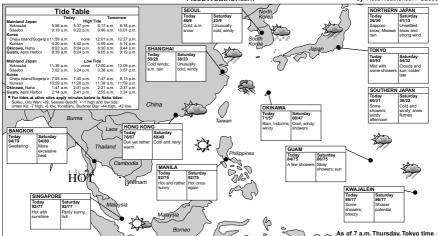
I'm dressed to kill.



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#### **Extended Forecasts**

high 41, low 36.

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 40, low 29. Monday: Partly sunny

#### KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 55, low 45. Monday: Partly sunny. high 59, low 50.

#### SEOUL high 41, low 29

#### Sunday: Partly sunny, high 29, low 18. Monday: Sunny

#### MANILA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 75. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 88, low 75

#### HAGATNA

Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 75. Monday: Showers, high 86, low 75.

#### Wednesday's USA Temperatures

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Albuquerque	63/41	Los Angeles	74/56
Amarillo	65/43	Little Rock	54/34
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Asheville	44/27	Miami	67/54
Baltimore	37/20	Milwaukee	26/18
Birmingham	52/37	Nashville	45/27
Bismarck	44/32	New York	31/23
Boise	68/40	Omaha	41/31
Boston	28/18	Orlando	57/46
Brownsville	77/53	Philadelphia	34/19
Buffalo	21/14	Phoenix	83/60
Burlington	16/8	Pittsburgh	27/14
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Charlotte	49/30	Portland, ME	23/6
Cleveland	26/17	Salt Lake City	64/42
Columbus, OF	33/17	St. Louis	41/26
Duluth	24/16	San Antonio	74/47
El Paso	68/44	San Diego	69/56
Hartford	26/11	San Juan	85/70
Helena	67/35	Tampa	58/48
Indianapolis	38/19	Tulsa	52/38
Jacksonville	55/35	Washington, D	
Kansas City	42/35	Wichita	55/38



#### U.S. Extended Forecast A low pressure center will bring a bit

of snow to the Northeast on Friday. Flurries will occur across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley on the backside of the low. Along the associated cold front, a few showers will develop over the Southeast. A large area of high pressure will provide plenty of sunshine for the most of the western half of the nation. In addition, temperatures will warm to several degrees above normal; record-high temperatures will be challenged across the Pacific Northwest. A couple of showers, however, will occur in extreme portions of northwestern Washington as a cold front brushes past the Northwest Colder air will filter into the Rockies this weekend.

#### Friday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Friday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	29/15	Kadena AB	71/57	Sapporo	36/30	Athens	40/33	Buenos Aires	84/64	Kiev	19/19	New Delhi	79/53
Camp Casey	39/9	Kunsan AB	43/14	Seoul	40/8	Auckland	69/54	Cairo	70/42	Kuwait	66/55	Oslo	40/32
Christchurch	56/43	Kwajalein	86/77	Shanghai	50/28	Baghdad	69/46	Cancun	78/62	London	52/40	Paris	46/37
Diego Garcia	88/78	Manila	92/75	Singapore	92/77	Barbados	89/70	Cape Town	71/55	Madrid	57/41	Rio de Janeiro	84/73
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Honolulu	80/69	Pusan	55/23	Tokyo	65/53	Brussels	46/32	Johannesbur	g 70/49	Moscow	16/1	Warsaw	33/33



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Taegu - 18" Mag Innovision LCD Monitor, Model: LT865B, 1280x1024 Resolution, bullt-in speakers. Used for one year and is perfect condition. \$375 Call or email Chris at DSN 764-5274 or ob12345@komet.

Foster, Okinawa - Forever mine Dark wood 3- piece set. Large dresser, dresser-changing top, Crib with conversion kit (still in box), Great shape. Bought for over \$700, barely used. Sell for \$500, available March 22nd. Come see now Chris 645-8530. 764-5274 or ob12345@kornet. net

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Resolution, bull+in speakers, bull+in USB hub, and DVI input. Used for one year and is protect condition. \$425. Call or email Chris at DSN 764-5274 or ob12345@kornet.net Come side now Critis bas-65530.

Foster, Okinawa - Large screen
TV entertainment center Not
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American with nice features.
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Courtney, Okinawa - A nice 5-pices black with leather sides bedroom sult in great condition, it is adjustable to be a queen or king. \$700.00 or best offer. Call 622-8281.

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646-5984. Courtney, Okinawa - Chinese Antique indoor bench, elm wood. Over 100 years old, paid \$450 selling for \$300 obo, please call 622-5368.

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Homes/Condos - US 868 sale: 4-5 large bedrooms, carpet & ceramic tile, fire place, lots of storage, 2-car garage, on 2.17 acres in new subdivision, e-mail:

Okinawa - American style house and land for sale by owner. 3 story, 3 bedroom, 3 bath. 2400 sq ft. 68 Tsubo. Quiet neighbor-hood neighbor hood adjacent to San-A Main Chyb in Gushfarwa. S380,000,00. Call Chris Dibbell 090-9787-5902.

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round, Mamir, Fla. vs. Virginia at MCI Center,
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AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-College basketball: Big Ten Conference Tournament quarterfinal, AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.-College basketbi ig Ten Conference Tournament quarter al, teams to be determined at United Co

rer, Chicago.

AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.-College basketball:
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Garden, New York. ARN-Pacific/Korea, 9 a.m.-College basket-ball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinal, Wake Forest vs. Florida State or North Carolina State at MCI Center, Wash-

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AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.-College basketball:
Southeastern Conference Tournament quarrerfinal, Tennessee or Arkansas vs. Kenucky at Georgia Dome, Atlanta.

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at Sacramento.

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orts, 5 p.m.-NBA: Houston at Phoe AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-NBA: Houston at Phoe-ix (dld). AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.-College basketball: tlantic Coast Conference Tournament quar-erfinal, Miami, Fla. or Virginia vs. Duke at ICI Center, Washington (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard Time; dld indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

#### Baseball

#### Spring training glance AMERICAN LEAGUE



Boston 7, Minnesota (ss) 4 Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 4 St. Louis 9, Washington 7 Toronto (ss) 6, Philadelphia 4 Toronto (ss) 2, Minnesota (ss) 1 N.Y. Mets 7, Baltimore 4 San Francisco 5, Texas 1 San Diego 18, Milwaukee (ss) 5

Arizona 10, Oakland (ss) 2 Colorado 6, Chicago White Sox 1 LA Angles II, Seattle (ss) 4 Oakland (ss) 6, Chicago Cubs (ss) 4 Oakland (ss) 6, Chicago Cubs (ss) 4 Chicago Cubs (ss) 4, Kansas City 9 Chicago Cubs (ss) 4, Kansas City 9 Boston vs. Florida at Jupiter Fla, ccd., rain Battimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Ia., ccd., rain Troorato vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla.,

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#### College basketball

#### Men's Top 25 schedule

Wednesday
No games scheduled
No. 6 Louisville vs. TcU/Marquette
No. 8 Loto Coll. vs. W. Virginia/Providence
No. 8 Arizona vs. California
No. 12 Connecticut vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall
No. 14 Washington vs. Arizona State
No. 15 Utah vs. Colorado State No. 15 Utah vs. Colorado State No. 16 Syracuse vs. Notre Dame/Rutgers No. 19 Villanova vs. No. 22 Pittsburgh No. 21 Cincinnati vs. Houston/South Florida No. 24 Nevada vs. Boise State/Tulsa No. 25 Charlotte vs. Memphis/Saint Louis

#### NCAA men's automatic bids

Central Florida, Atlantic Sun Conference Chattanooga, Southern Conference Creighton, Missouri Valley Conference Eastern Kentucky, Ohio Valley Conference Gonzaga, West Coast Conference Eastern Rentucky, Onio Valley Conference Gonzaga, West Coast Conference Louislana, Lafayette, Sun Belt Cocker Calkland, Mich., Mid-Continent Conference Old Dominion, Colonial Athletic Assoc. Pennsylvania, Ivy League Winthrop, Big South Conference Wisconsin-Milwauker, Horizon League

Tuesday's men's scores

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Form 16, Princeton 15

First Round
Lamar 91, Texas-San Antonio 83
Northwestern St. 81, Texas-Arlingtor
SE Louislana 75, Texas St. 58
Sam Houston St. 88, McNeese St. 70
Sun Belt Conference
Championship
Louislana-Lafayette 88, Denver 69

Western Athletic Conference First Round Boise St. 83, Tulsa 73 Hawali 72, San Jose St. 48

#### Women's AP Top 25 fared

Tuesday

1. Stanford (29-2) did not play. Next: TBA.

2. LSU (29-2) did not play. Next: TBA.

3. Tennessee (25-4) did not play. Next: TBA.

4. North Carolina (27-3) did not play. Next:

5. Duke (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA. 6. Baylor (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mis

asylor (24-3) did nos pos, , Wednesday. Michigan State (28-3) did not play. Next: ""- or nlay. Next: TBA.

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8. Ohio State (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. Rutgers (25-6) lost to No. 13 Connecticut
7-51. Next: TBA.
10. Notre Dame (26-5) did not play. Next:

TBA. 11. Texas (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Okla-

11. Texas (20-7) did not play, Next: vs. Okla-homa, Nednesda (24-7) did not play, Next: TBA, 12. Minnesota (24-7) did not play, Next: TBA, 12. Minnesota (24-7) beat No. 9 Rutgers 67-51. Next: TBA, 14. Texas Tech (21-6) did not play, Next: vs. No. 18 Iowa State, Wednesday, 15. Temple (27-3) did not play, Next: TBA, 17. Kansas State (21-6) did not play, Next: vs. Nebraska, Wednesday, 18. Iowa State (25-5) beat Colorado 64-62.

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ZS: TCU (23-9) did not play. Next: TBA. consin-Green Bay (27-3) did not

NCAA women's automatic bids

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#### Tuesday's women's scores EAST 67

EAST
Harvard 70, Dartmouth 67
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Big 12 Conference
First Round Missouri 62, Kansas 57 Nebraska 60, Oklahoma St. 45 Oklahoma 85, Texas A&M 65 Big East Conference Championship

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#### College baseball

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weather UMBC at Mount St. Mary's, Md., ppd, field conditions wn St at Duquesne cod weather

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Appalachian St. at Charlotte, ppd., weather
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Catawke 9, West Floria 1
Connecticut 8, Sacred Heart 0
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Flagler 8, Marian, Ind. 3 Florida 8, N.C.-Asheville Furman at Gardner-Webb, ppd., weather Georgia 12, Tennessee Tech 2 Georgia St. at W. Carolina, ppd., weather Georgia Tech 17, William & Mary 9 Guilford 23, Vassar 22 Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 13, E. Kentucky 9, 10 in-

ings
Jacksonville St. 13, Alabama St. 7
James Madison at Liberty, ppd, weather
LaGrange 20, LeMoyne-Own, 4
Louislana-Morroe 7, MVSU 1
Loyola, N.O. at Alcom St., ppd, weather
Marshall at VMI, ccd, weather
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Webber 12, Walsh 2
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Hamline 8-9, Mayville St. 1-1
Indiana-Southeast 13, Hanover 3
Miami (Ohio) at Dayton, cod., weather
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#### Auto racing

#### Nextel Cup schedule

(x-non-points race)
Feb. 12 — x-Budweiser Shootout (Jimmie

Johnson)
Feb. 20 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
(Jeff Gordon)
Feb. 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.
(Greg Biffle)
March 13 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. \_ March 20 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, April 3 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. April 10 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martin-

S.C. May 14 — Chevt American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. May 21 — x-All-Star Challenege, Concord.

May 21 — x-All-Star Challenege, Concord, N.C.
May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 5 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
June 12 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 19 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 26 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma,
Calif. calli. — Body and Mark Sol, Shinning July 2 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 10 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill. July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. July 47 — Bernsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa. Aug. 7 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. Aug. 14 — Sirva at The Glein, Watkins Glein, N.H. July 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

sville, Va. April 17 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas.

North, Texas. April 23 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. May 1 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. May 7 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington,

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 Ford 400, Homestead, Fla. Driver standings

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1. Kurt Busch	34
2. Jimmie Johnson	33
3. Mark Martin	30
4. Carl Edwards	28
5. Greg Biffle	27
6. Elliott Sadler	27
7. Tony Stewart	26
8. Rusty Wallace	26
9. Sterling Marlin	26
10. Jeff Gordon	25
11. Dale Jarrett	24
12. Ryan Newman	24
13. Kévin Harvick	23
14. Dale Earnhardt Jr	23
15. Mike Bliss	23

#### Deals

#### **Tuesday's transactions** RASFRALL

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American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—ASSigned LHP Matt
Campbell, LHP JP, Howell, RHP Jonah BayfDarren Fenster to their minor league camp.
Mattonal League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—ASSigned RHP Ben
Biggins, RHP Dennis Sarfate and INF Enrique Cruz to their minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Assigned C Neil

Walker I HP Paul Maholm and C Carlos Maldonado to their minor league camp.

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National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed C Kevin Willis
in the injured list. Activated G Donta Smith
rom the injured list.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Activated G Mike Wilks from the injured list.

UTAH JAZZ—Placed C Jarron Collins on the injured list.

njured list.

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Agreed to terms
vith S Robert Griffith on a two-year con-

ract. ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed P Toby Gowin. te-signed G-T Steve Herndon. Waived P Chris Mohr.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with LB Marcus Wilkins on a one-year conract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed QB Trent Dil-er to a four-year contract and G Cosey Cole-nan and DB Lewis Sanders to two-year conracts.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Re-signed RB Erik lickerstaff and TE Sean Ryan to one-year

ontracts.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB Terry
ousin and QB Quinn Gray.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed LB Kendrell iell to a seven-year contract.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms with CB Fred Smoot on a six-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed G NEW LINEARM PAIR NOIS—Sessinged VENERAL PAIR NOIS—SESSING OF VENERAL PAIR N

WASHINGTON
cedric Killings. COLLEGE
BALL STATE—Named Stan Parrish, Eddle
aulkner and Matt Schilling assistant foot-

all coaches.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Announced it will to trenew the contract of Jim Boone, men's lasketball coach. asketball coach.

MONTANA STATE-BILLINGS—Named Chris rown baseball coach.
NORTHERN ILLINOIS—Announced the re-irement of Carol Hammerle, women's bas-

ketball coach.
NORWICH—Announced the resignation of Mike Yesalonia, football coach, to take another job at the university. Named Shawn Micintyre interim football coach.
SIENA—Fired Rob Lanier, men's basketball

Oach.
SIMPSON, IOWA-Named Mike Wilson
nen's soccer coach.
SYRACUSE-Named Quentin Hillsman
vomen's assistant basketball coach.

#### TANK McNamara



## Big Unit not perfect vs. Braves

The Associated Pres-

Randy Johnson's much-anticipated debut with the New York Yankees wasn't filled with awesome fastballs or knee-buckling sliders and no one seemed to mind.

After all, he was acquired for October.

Mark Mulder's second outing for St. Louis
was much more in line with what the Cardinals expected from their new No. 1 starter.

Johnson worked two innings Tuesday in an 8-2 loss to the Atlanta Braves at Kissimmee, Fla. He threw 36 pitches, 22 for strikes, and gave up a two-run homer to old nemesis Chipper Jones in an uneven performance.

per Jones in an uneven performance.
"It looked like his first spring outing," Jones said. "I don't think anybody in baseball expected him to come out blowing 97. A guy like Randy's got to get his feet under him, just like the rest of us.

Spring trainin roundu

He'll be on his game come Oct. 1." Johnson said he felt fine

physically after being scratched from his first scheduled start last week because of a tight left calf.

After opening with a strikeout, Johnson allowed a single to Brian Jordan and fell behind 2-0 to Jones before the Braves third baseman drove a 92 mph fastball over the left-field fence.

The Yankees didn't start pursuing Johnson last summer just to add a few victories during the regular season. Instead, they pushed to finally complete a drawn-out trade with Arizona in January because they needed an ace in the postseason.

And that's exactly why nobody sounded worried about the 41-year-old Johnson losing his first outing of spring training.

"I know I still have a long way to go to be ready for opening day," Johnson said. "But

we'll get there."

In his second start since being acquired from Oakland in the offseason, Mulder allowed two runs and five hits in three innings of the Cardinals' 9-7 victory over the Washington Nationals at Jupiter, Fla.

"I gave up a couple of runs but they were the only two bad pitches I made," said Mulder, who walked one and struck out three. "I felt much better. My delivery was better and I was locating the ball better."

It was a big improvement for Mulder, who lasted only one inning in his first spring training appearance against the New York Mets. He needed 44 pitches to get three outs in that one, walking four and giving up a two-run sin-

At Bradenton, Fla., NL Rookie of the Year Jason Bay injured his wrist diving for a fly ball in the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-4 loss to the Cincinnati Reds. Bay will miss at least a week with a bone bruise, but should be ready for opening day.

At Tucson, Ariz., Luis Gonzalez made his first start since elbow surgery last August, and pinch-hitter Tony Clark hit a three-run double in Arizona's 10-2 win over a split



Atlanta's Chipper Jones is congratulated by teammate Raul Mondesi after a two-run home run off the New York Yankees' Randy Johnson.

squad of Oakland Athletics. Gonzalez had a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning, but went 0-for-2 and is 0-for-7 this spring. He made a throw to home plate from left field in the third inning that was too late to get Dan Johnson.

"My mechanics weren't quite what I've been working on," Gonzalez said. "Just getting the ball in was good enough for me. It's nice to be back out on the field."

Red Sox 7, Twins (ss) 4: At Fort Myers, Fla, Matt Clement allowed a leadoff homer to Luis Rivas, then retired his final eight batters in his second spring training start since leaving the Chicago Cubs and signing a three-year, \$25.5 million contract with Boston. David Ortiz hit a solo homer and Manny Ramirez added a two-run shot in the sixth for

Giants 5, Rangers 1: At Scottsdale, Ariz., Noah Lowry gave up one hit in three innings to lead San Francisco. Texas' Richard Hidalgo hit a home run in the seventh off Jason Christiansen

Blue Jays (ss) 6, Phillies 4: At Dunedin, Fla., Toronto's Dave Bush and Philadelphia's Brett Myers pitched three innings apiece. Bush allowed one run and three hits, Myers one run on four hits.

Blue Jays (ss) 2, Twins (ss) 1: At Fort

Myers, Fla., Gabe Gross, Toronto's first-round pick in 2001, went 2-for-2 with his fourth homer in four days and threw out a runner at home from left field. Kyle Lohse gave up two runs in two innings with two strikeouts for Minnesota.

Marlins 3, Dodgers 0: At Vero Beach, Fla., Wilson Alvarez made an impressive bid for a spot in the Los Angeles Dodgers' rotation, pitching two perfect imings. Kazuhisa Ishii, one of his competitors, gave up three unearned runs in two innings. In his second start for the Dodgers, Derek Lowe allowed three hits in four innings.

Mets 7, Orioles 4: At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mice Piazza and David Wright had RBI doubles for New York, and Kris Benson allowed three hits and a run in three innings. Orioles second baseman Enrique Wilson went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Indians 21, Astros 4: At Kissimmee, Fla., Grady Sizemore, competing with former AL MVP Juan Gonzalez for a spot in Cleveland's outfield, led the Indians with five RBIs. Jeff Liefer went 3-for-3 with four RBIs and Josh Bard went 3-for-3 and scored four runs for the Indians.

Houston starter Dave Burba allowed six hits and eight runs before being chased with two outs in the bottom of the third.

Padres 18, Brewers (ss) 5: At Phoenix, John Knott hit a grand slam, Ryan Klesko had a two-run homer and Mark Loretta had two doubles among his three hits. Victor Santos, vying for a spot in the Brewers' rotation, allowed seven hits and six runs in 1½-runs-&0.860.6605 3 inmines.

Geoff Jenkins homered twice for the Brewers and new teammate Carlos Lee also hom-

Athletics (ss) 6, Cubs (ss) 4: At Mesa, Ariz., Carlos Zambrano pitched three scoreless innings for the Cubs. Joe Blanton allowed two hits over three shutout innings for Oakland.

Cubs (ss) 4, Royals 0: At Surprise, Ariz., Glendon Rusch gave up three hits in three scoreless innings against his former team. Royals starter Runelyys Hernandez, who missed last season following surgery on his right elbow, allowed one run and four hits in three innings.

Angels 11, Mariners (ss) 5: At Tempe, Ariz., Angels starter John Lackey was sidelined by a blister on his right index finger. Top prospect Ervin Santana stepped in and struck out five in two scoreless innings.

Rockies 6, White Sox 1: At Tuscon, Ariz., Jeff Prancis threw three shutout innings and Darren Oliver, his competitor for the No. 5 spot in Colorado's rotation, allowed a run in his three innings. Todd Helton hit his first home run for the Rockies.

Mariners (so) 8, Brewers (so) 4: At Peoria,

Ariz., Jose Lopez hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning and Benji Gil added a two-run homer. Prince Fielder, the Brewers' No. 1 draft pick in 2002, homered.



Friday, March 11, 2005

Barry Bonds might be a DH during spring training as he prepares for the start of the baseball season.

#### MLB asked to OK Bonds use as a DH

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds expects to be ready for San Francisco's season opener on April 5, and the Giants asked the commissioner's office for permission to use a designated hitter during spring training home games to ease him into the exhibition searous designation of the control of the control of the season of the control of the control of the control of the season of the control of the control

"Twe never missed an opening day," Bonds said Tuesday, "Being announced before your fans on opening day is great. The main thing down here is to be able to play mine immings consistently every day. That's recovery, when you can play every game in mings, that's recovery. Nobody is ever ready to completely play on opening day. It's the Adrenalin rush for opening day.

Bonds had surgery on his right knee on Jan. 31 and when he arrived at spring training said he was unsure whether the knee would recover in time to play the opener. He has yet to play in an exhibition game.

"Whenever he's ready, he'll be in there," Giants manager Felipe Alou said.

The Cincinnati Reds were given permission last weekend to use a DH in five home games starting Thursday so that Ken Griffey Jr. can bat without playing the field. In spring training, the DH usually is used only at the home parks of American League

"After I read that the Reds had approached MLB on this issue and were granted approval, I decided to call MLB myself and ask that Barry be accorded the same privilege while he recovers from privilege while he recovers from the recovery of the result of the recovers from the recovery of the recovery of

"I can't image a team saying no to this," Colletti said. "They would have the same opportunity to give a batter at-bats using the DH rule."

## Nomo struggling in bid for job with Devil Rays

BY FRED GOODALL

The Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — Hideo Nomo's bid to make the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' starting rotation isn't going very well.

The 37-year-old right-hander allowed two two-run homers and a wind-blown triple Tuesday in his second spring outing. But manager Lou Piniella isn't drawing any conclusions.

"Spring training is early," he said after Nomo's two-inning stint against the Detroit Tigers. "There's still plenty of time for determinations and plenty of games left for him to pitch better and bet-

Nomo struggled with command of his fast ball in the first inning, giving up homers to Craig Monroe and Brandon Inge and a triple to Vance Wilson before settling down to retire the side in order in the second

The former NL rookie of the year allowed four hits and walked one. Four other Devil Rays pitchers — Seth McClung, Casey Fossum, Jorge Sosa and Frankin Nunez — held the Tigers to three hits over the last seven innings of a 12-4 victory.

Nomo was not helped by a stiff

but said through an interpreter that location of his fast ball was a bigger problem. "It was windy, but still my

pitches were a little too high," he explained.

Nomo is one of nine candidates

for five spots in what figures to be a young, mostly inexperienced starting rotation.

Piniella would like at least one veteran to earn a spot, and Nomo and left-hander Denny Neagle, also 37 and trying to come back from injury, will get every opportunity to prove they belong.

Nomo also struggled in his first spring start, giving up two runs in two innings of a loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

"I feel good about my physical

condition, but I'm getting behind the hitters and the pitches are too high," Nomo said.

Piniella called Tuesday's performance "so-so."

"It was not an easy day to play, not an easy day to pitch," he said. "He got a couple of balls up. And with this wind here, when you get them up in the air they're going to go, and that's exactly what happened.

"But he's healthy and he's working hard. Hopefully the next time he pitches, it will be a better performance."

## Panel probing steroids taps seven players

#### Baseball will fight, calling it 'misuse of congressional power'

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi. Mark McGwire and four other cur rent and former players were subpoenaed Wednesday to testify before a congressional committee investigating steroids policy, a move the sport's leadership vowed to fight all the way to court.

Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas also were subpoenaed to appear for the March 17 hearing of the House Government Reform Com mittee along with players' union head Donald Fehr, baseball executive vice presidents Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson and San Diego GM Kevin Towers

Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioner's office, criticized the committee for an "an absolutely excessive and unprecedented misuse of congressional power." He said the committee was interfering with the federal grand jury investiga-tion in California into illegal distribution by subpoenaing Giambi, a grand jury witness who might have to testify in a trial "Not even the Iran-Contra committee at

tempted to do that," Brand said.

Brand and Manfred said baseball will attempt to fight the subpoenss. Brand said that to enforce the subpoenas over base ball's objections, the committee would have to vote to approve them along with the full House of Representatives, and a U.S. Attorney would have to certify them. If that happened, Brand said the fight over the subpoenas would head to U.S. District Canseco, Fehr and Manfred had agreed to testify. Manfred would speak on behalf of baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

"The remaining witnesses, however, made it clear — either by flatly rejecting the invitation to testify or by ignoring our repeated attempts to contact them - they had no intention of appearing before the committee," committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and Rep. Henry Waxman, the

ranking Democrat, said in a statement Thomas said Monday he would testify, but the sport's formal response to the committee on Tuesday said he was declining

the invitation "The committee will conduct a thorough. fair, and responsible investigation. It is important the American people know facts on baseball's steroid scandal," Davis and Waxman said. "And it is important that all Americans, especially children, know about the dangers of drug use. Consistent with our committee's jurisdiction over the nation's drug policy, we need to better understand the steps MLB is taking to get a handle on the steroid issue, and whether news of those steps - and the public health danger posed by steroid use - is reaching America's youth.

Brand wrote to the committee on Tues day saying the hearing and what he termed "overly expansive" document requests "present significant constitutional and institutional concerns about the underlying validity and proprietary of the committee's inquiry

'It is not clear to us how the committee's iurisdiction encompasses the privately negotiated drug policy," Brand wrote, adding that the committee was requesting "highly private and sensitive information.

"The right to the privacy of this information outweighs any asserted interest in the health problems stemming from the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing " Brand wrote.

Brand said the committee request " to the unprecedented and, we must add destructive length of seeking actual testing results [and] shows no consideration for the legitimate privacy concerns of MLB, the MLBPA, individual players and other members of the bargaining unit."

Another hearing on steroids is scheduled for Thursday, when the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee is to hear from witnesses, including labor lawyers from the commissioner's office and the NFL, and representatives of the NCAA and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"We're trying to get to the bottom of the steroid problem," Rep. Cliff Stearns said. "Are they being used in high school? Are they being used in college? Are they being used in professional sports? And what are we doing do stop this, because it is a felony. What is the baseball commissioner doing

Stearns, chairman of the House Com-merce. Trade and Consumer Protection subcommittee, said Selig was invited to speak but declined. Stearns said Davis' committee "cannot legislate: they're just an oversight committee.

"We can legislate," Stearns said. "We're trying to understand whether legislation is needed. We're obviously disappointed that



Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas. shown stretching at the team's Tucson, Ariz., training site, is among players subpoaened by a congressional committee delving into the issue of steroids in sports.

## Ankiel, unable to make pitches, will try hitting them

JUPITER, Fla. - Rick Ankiel is ending a pitching career derailed by injuries and record wildness and will try to make the St. Louis Cardinals' roster as an out-

Ankiel, 25, had yet to appear in a spring training game as he tried to revive a career interrupted by



lems and reconstructive elbow He surgery. have was to pitched in a "B" game Wednesday, but it was rained out

control prob-

Ankiel said he's been thinking of making the switch since he left

winter ball in Puerto Rico after feeling a twinge in his elbow. He was impressive his first time throwing to hitters this spring, but the outings since then have been erratic. "This whole time, the frustra-

tion that built up, it seems like it was really eroding my spirit and starting to affect my personality off the field as well," Ankiel said. "It just became apparent that it was time for me to move on and pursue becoming an outfielder. I feel relieved now and I'm happy to move on.

Ankiel is a career .207 hitter (18-for-87) in the majors, with two homers, a double, a triple and nine RRIs. He was an occasional DH for the Cardinals' rookie league team in Johnson City, Tenn., in 2001, hitting 10 homers.

"I've always enjoyed playing



Rick Ankiel has decided to end his injury- and wildness-plagued pitching career with St. Louis and will try to make the club as an outfielder.

outfield and I've definitely enjoyed hitting," Ankiel said.
"Hopefully, I can pick up as

much as I can being around some of these guys and spending more time with them in the cage.

Manager Tony La Russa and general manager Walt Jocketty had been aware for a few days

that Ankiel was considering giving up pitching. Ankiel said they "understood and wished me luck.'

"We are fully supportive of Rick's decision to convert to an everyday outfielder," Jocketty said. "Rick will continue to train with the major league club this spring,

and we look forward to seeing his development as a full-time batter and outfielder." Pitching coach Dave Duncan

said he didn't know of the decision until Wednesday morning "I've been trying to get him ready to pitch."

Ankiel sat out 2002 with a sprained left elbow and missed most of the 2003 and 2004 seasons after reconstructive elbow

The left-hander made it to the major leagues at age 19 and was 11-7 with a 3.50 ERA with 194 strikeouts in 175 innings in 2000 but developed record-setting wildness in the playoffs. In the postseason opener against Atlanta, he threw five wild pitches in the first inning, the most by a major league pitcher since 1890, and had nine wild pitches in four innings during the postseason.

He went 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA in six starts for the Cardinals in 2001, walking 25 in 24 innings, then was sent to the minors. He didn't return until last Sept. 7 and going 1-0 with a 5.40 ERA in 10 in-

#### Red Sox seek elbow room

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox are negotiating to buy three properties near Kenmore Square in a bid to secure space for long-term growth in the neighborhood surrounding Fenway Park.

The properties — a taxi garage. a McDonald's restaurant and the WBCN radio studios - would allow the Red Sox to continue cramped, 93-year-old stadium and allow more room for fans. But there are no immediate plans for major changes to the proper ties, vice president Janet Marie

Smith said Tuesday.
"We have been looking for anything in the area that might help us with our space problems," said Smith, architect of Fenway Park's recent renovations. "It surprised us it took three years to find a single property

Team owners have refused to say whether they've made a final decision on staying in Fenway Park, Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark. But all indications are the Red Sox will stay.

Since buying the team in 2002, the Red owners have added seats and upgraded the stadium. Last Boston brought home its first World Series title in 86

#### Committee OKs D.C. funding WASHINGTON - A House

committee passed a supplemen-tal funding bill Tuesday that would authorize the District of Co lumbia to move forward with plans to build a stadium for the Washington Nationals.

Final passage of the supplemental appropriations bill is expected by the end of next week, said D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. The bill includes a provision that allows the city to spend local money to issue bonds for construction of a \$435 million

## Kansas City, Minnesota get defensive

Kendrell Bell signed with the Kansas City Chiefs and Fred Smoot agreed to a deal with the Minnesota Vikings as two of



the NFL's worst defenses plugged holes through free agency Tuesday Smoot had 16 intercen-

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roundup tions over five seasons with the Washington Redskins and was selected as an alternate to the Pro Bowl. He will form a quality tandem at cornerback with Antoine Winfield. who was Minnesota's top free agent signee

last season. On Wednesday, tight end Jermaine Wiggins, who led the Vikings with 71 receptions last season, agreed to a \$7.3 million,

five-year contract to stay with the team. Bell, the former Pittsburgh linebacker, was AP Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2001. He played in only three games last season because of groin and shoulder iniuries, and Pittsburgh re-signed the much cheaper Larry Foote, who started most of

the season in his place. The New York Giants also passed on Bell last week because of his injury history and

## Chiefs sign LB Bell; Vikings add CB Smoot

salary demands and signed Antonio Pierce from Washington. Pierce had played in a

4-3, while Bell's experience was in a 3-4. That didn't seem to trouble Kansas City. which has been desperately seeking an im pact player for its defense the past few

"He is a quality football player as well as a quality person," Chiefs President Carl Peterson said of Bell, who signed a

seven-vear deal. In other deals Tuesday, Tampa Bay re-signed veteran wide receiver Joey Galloway and Cleveland signed a former Buc, guard Cosey Coleman. The Browns also redid the contract of veteran quarterback Trent Dilfer, obtained from Seattle over the weekend and extended his deal from

one year to four. "I feel like I've got a lot of football left," Dilfer said. "I love this game. I love the travel. I love the way Mondays feel after a win or a loss. I love the pressure. There's not a guy who loves football more than I do

I feel like my best football is ahead of me Another wide receiver, Santana Moss. passed his physical with Washington after being traded from the New York Jets for

wideout Laveranues Coles. The deal will be completed when Coles passes a physical, scheduled for Thursday, with the Jets Another receiver, Cedrick Wilson, left San Francisco to sign with Pittsburgh, ap-

parently ending any chance the Steelers will re-sign Playico Rurress Rurress who has gotten less attention than expected, was eduled to visit the Giants on Wednesday.

"A lot of strange things can happen in free agency," Steelers director of football operations Kevin Colbert said. "We never want to say never

The San Diego Chargers and receiver Keenan McCardell agreed on Wednesday to a two-vear contract extension through the 2007 season. The 35-year-old wide receiver will reportedly get a \$4.1 million signing bonus and will average \$3.45 million in base salary the next three years.

Safety Robert Griffith agreed to two-year contract with Arizona, the Cardinals' fourth free agent acquisition. team previously signed offensive tackle Oliver Ross (Steelers), quarterback Kurt Warner (Giants) and defensive end Chike Okeafor (Seahawks)

We're making some major changes this winter and, I mean, who's surprised by that?" coach Dennis Green said. "You think I could stand another year like last

year? There's just no way. Griffith, 34, left the Browns to rejoin Green, who brought him into the NFL in 1994 with the Vikings as an undrafted rookie out of San Diego State. The 5-foot-11. 200-pound Griffith made a career-high 157 tackles, including 93 solos, eight tackles-for-loss, one interception and one sack

The Giants also announced the signing of former Atlanta kicker Jay Feely and are expected to sign veteran Jim Miller as a backup to second-year quarterback Eli Manning

New England, which lost Joe Andruzzi to Cleveland, re-signed its other guard, Stephen Neal, a college wrestler who never played football at Cal State-Bakersfield.

Carolina Panthers receiver Ricky Proehl, who turned 37 on Monday, will put retirement on hold and return for one more season, his 16th in the NFL.

## Leader of CU investigation feels jilted

PUEBLO, Colo. - A leader of an independent commission that investigated the Colorado football recruiting scandal said the panel

NCAA briefs was "stabbed in the back" and football that coach Gary Bar-nett should be fired

Jovce Lawrence, a former state legislator who was co-chairwoman of the panel, told The Pueblo Chieftain on Tuesday that Barnett and other athletic department officials never revealed the existence of a "slush fund" mentioned in a report by a grand jury that con-

ducted a separate probe.

"We've been stabbed in the back. They knew what we want ed, but they didn't reveal that to us or to [university president Eliz-abeth Hoffman] at the time," Lawrence said.

"Yes, Coach Barnett needs to be replaced," she added. "The football and athletic staff knew the [independent commission] wanted to know about all the money that was going into the program and they never told us about those cash boxes."

Both the independent commission and the grand jury investigated the football program last year and concluded that some players had arranged sex, drugs and alcohol for visiting athletes who were

being recruited. The commission, which was ap pointed by the university's governing Board of Regents, issued a report in May criticizing Hoffman and others for lax oversight but stopping short of calling for

anyone to be fired. On Monday, Hoffman an-nounced she was stepping down

#### effective June 30 or when a successor is selected

Marshall grid coach retires HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Marshall football coach Bob Pruett retired Wednesday after nine years,

saying it was time to move of The 61-year-old Pruett told the team of his decision in the morning and held a news conference three hours later. Larry Kueck, Marshall's associate offensive co ordinator and quarterbacks coach, will be the interim coach.

"It's not about winning and losing. It's not about money. It's not about anything I didn't get," Pruthought out. This is not a sudden

thing. The decision comes as Marshall nrenares to enter Conference USA this fall. The Thundering Herd finished their final season in the Mid-American Conference with a 6-6 record, their first non-winning season in 21 years. The school moved to Division I-A in 1997, a year after it won the Division I. AA national championship.

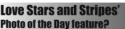
Pruett is the most successful coach in Marshall history, going 94-23 with five MAC championships and five bowl victories

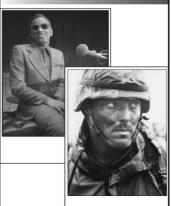
#### North Carolina's McCants cleared to practice

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - North Carolina's leading scorer. Rashad McCants, was cleared Wednesday to return to practice

McCants has missed the Tar Heels' past four games because of an intestinal disorder.

In a release sent by the school, coach Roy Williams said he wasn't sure how much McCants would be able to play on Friday in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament





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#### **NBA** scoreboard

#### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Boston	31	29	.517	-			
Philadelphia	29	32	.475	21/2			
New York	26	34	.433	5			
New Jersey		35	.426	51/2			
Toronto		35	.417	6			
Southeast I	Divis	ion					
Miami	46		.742	-			
Washington	33	26	.559	111/2			
Orlando	31	28	.525	131/2			
Charlotte	12	46	.207	32			
Atlanta	10	49	.169	341/2			
Central Division							
Detroit	36	22	.621	-			
Cleveland	32	27	.542	41/2			
Chicago	30	27	.526	51/2			
Indiana	30	30	.500	7			
Milwaukee	25	34	.424	111/2			

Western Conference						
Southwest Division						
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Houston		25	.583	12		
Memphis	34	26	.567	13		
New Orleans		46	.220	331/2		
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Minnesota	31	30	.508	11		
Portland	22	36		181/2		
Utah		40	.333	211/2		
Pacific Di						
Phoenix		14	.767	-		
Sacramento		24	.613	9		
L.A. Lakers		29		151/2		
L.A. Clippers	27		.443	191/2		
Golden State	19	41	.317	27		
Tuesday's games						
Golden State 104, Philadelphia 85						
Cleveland 111, Orlando 92						
New York 93, Washington 83						
Milwaukee 105, Atlanta 101						

San Antonio 90, New Jersey 74 Indiana 89, Utah 83 Indiana 89, Utah 83
Sacramento 85, Memphis 82
Houston 97, Seattle 95
LA. Clippers 110, L.A. Lakers 101
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Minnesota at Miami Friday's games

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#### Tuesday Cavaliers 111, Magic 92

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 4-13 2-3 11, Howard 1-3 1-2 3, Cato 4-8 2-2 10, Francis 8-16 4-5 21, Nelson 7-12 2-4 17, Augmon 2-6 2-3 6, Bartly 1-2 0-0 3, Stevenson 2-9 1-2 5, B.Hunter 2-3 3-4 7, Kasun 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 34-81 20-29 92.

#### Warriors 104, 76ers 85

GOLDEN STATE - Dunleavy 7-16 6-9 2
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#### Knicks 93, Wizards 83

WASHINGTON — Brown 0-8 2-4 2, Jeffries 3-7 1-2 7, Haywood 4-8 5-6 13, Arenas 8-24 5-7

23, Hughes 8-21 10-12 27, Profit 1-2 0-0 2, Ruf-fin 0-2 1-2 1, Dixon 0-2 0-0 0, Blake 2-6 4-4 8. Totals 26-80 28-37 83.

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NEW YORK - Sweetney 3-5 1-1 7, T.Thomas 3-9 6-7 12, K.Thomas 7-14 1-2 15, Crawford 6-16 2-2 19, Marbury 4-14 4-4 14, Hardaway 5-11 0-0 12, Rose 2-7 4-4 8, Taylor 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, J.Williams 1-1 2-2 4, Ariza 0-1 0-0 0, Sundov 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-81 20-22 93. Washington 21 19 23 20-83 New York 26 22 23 22-93

New York
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MILWAUKEE — Mason 5-12 12-13 22, JSmith 6-9 7-9 19, Gadzuric 2-2 2-4 6, Redd 9-24 2-3 21, M. Williams 9-13 2-2 22, Strickland 0-4 0-0 0, Pachulia 0-1-0 0, Kukoc 1-4 2-5, Fizer 4-7 2-3 10, Totals 36-76 29-36 105. Atlanta 31 18 23 27—101 Milwaukee 22 23 34 26—105

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#### Timberwolves 102, Bobcats 97

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MINNESOTA — Sprewell 9-19 2-2 21, Garnett 12-25 6-6 30, Thomas 1-2 2-2 4, Hassell
3-72-3 8, Hudson 1-7 0-0 2, Madsen 1-1 0-2 2,
Szczerbiak 2-8 11-11 15, Carter 3-6 1-1 7, Holberg 3-4 2-2 9, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 37-81
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#### Spurs 90, Nets 74

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Horry 4-6 2-2 12, Udrih 1-4 0-2 2, Wilks 0-1 0-0
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#### Pacers 89, Jazz 83

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#### Rockets 97, Sonics 95

HOUSTON — Howard 3-10 4-4 10, McGrady 14-27 3-5 35, Yao 9-15 4-4 22, M.James 5-12 2-2 13, Wesley 2-6 1-2 5, Barry 5-7 0-0 11, Mutom-bo 0-0 1-2 1, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0, Padgett 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-78 15-19 97. SEATTLE - Evans 3-3 1-1 7, Lewis 9-18 2-2 26, J.James 1-5 1-2 3, Allen 13-25 1-2 32, Rid-

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#### Clippers 110, Lakers 101

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Arenas, Wash,	57	466		1450	25.4			
Allen, Sea.	57	467	294	1373	24.			
Wade, Mia.	58	474	435	1388	23.5			
Richardson, G.S.	51	462	164	1181	23.3			
Redd, Mil.	56	470		1265	22.0			
O'Neal, Mia,	58	508		1301	22.			
Carter, N.J.	56	461		1253	22.			
Garnett, Minn.	61	519		1360	22			
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Pierce, Bos.	60	411		1292	21.5			
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#### **NBA** calendar

April 20 — Regular season ends. April 23 — Playoffs begin. June 7-10 — NBA predraft camp, Chicago. June 9 — Earliest possible start of NBA Fi-

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## **Webber struggling** to fit in with 76ers

When Philadelphia acquired Chris Webber on the eve of the trading deadline two weeks ago, he was expected to turn the 76ers into serious contenders for the Eastern Conference title.

Seven games later, Webber is unhappy with his playing time and getting booed by Philadelphia fans.

For the third straight game, Webber was basically a non-factor in the 76ers' 104-85 loss to Golden State on Tuesday night. The five-time All-Star sat out long stretches, including the last 4:38 of the third quarter, and finished with eight points on 3-for-12 shooting in 30 minutes.

Webber was booed a few times during the game, only about a week and a half since he was introduced to thunderous applause during his home debut. Fans honed after an errant bounce pass went out of bounds, and again when he came back into the game about two minutes into the fourth quarter.

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"Obviously, C-Webb sees what's going on and it can only get worse," Philadelphia's Allen Iverson said. "It's not his fault. It's all our fault. He'll just have to

deal with it."

Before the game, Webber said he was used to negativity and controversy surrounding him wherever he plays. He said he would like to make this situation work. but was tired already of answer ing questions about how well he'll

fit in "I want to make the best of the rest of the time I have here," he said. "I'm still a great player. I'm not going to ever get used to playing 27 minutes a game. It's some thing we'll address after the season. Right now our goal is to make the playoffs.
"I thought I was to coming into

a situation where I would be utilized as the player that I was."

Webber averaged 21.3 points and 9.7 rebounds in 46 games with the Sacramento Kings, but is down to 14.4 points and 8.0 rebounds with the 76ers. After averaging 36.3 minutes for Sacramento, Webber reached 30 minutes for the first time in three games.

He met with coach Jim O'Brien on Monday about his lack of playing time.

"This is Philadelphia, the tough-est place in the world," said Iverson, who scored 33 points with a franchise-record 12 turnovers "I told him what to expect. I let him know they would expect him to be like the Chris Webber he was."

Webber failed to reach double digits in scoring for only the second time this season, and the first since getting six points against San Antonio on Jan. 23. He was out of the locker room before it opened and not available for postgame comments. O'Brien defended Webber and blamed the loss

on fatigue and poor defense. "I believe Chris is a very confi-dent guy and will find his stride here real soon," O'Brien said.

Cavaliers 111. Magic 92: At Cleveland, LeBron James scored 23 points and Drew Gooden had



23 in his return to the starting lineup as the Cavaliers snapped a six-game losing streak. James added eight assists and seven rebounds in 40 minutes and Gooden finished 10-for-13 from the field.

Knicks 93, Wizards 83: At New York, the Knicks improved to 5-1 since the trade deadline, getting 19 points from Jamal Crawford and solid all-around contributions from several play-

Crawford also had six assists and six rebounds. Kurt Thomas added 15 points, 11 rebounds and four assists, and Stephon Marbury had 14 points, 10 assists and four rebounds.

Bucks 105. Hawks 101: Mo Williams had 22 points and 10 assists and Desmond Mason also scored 22 points to lead the Bucks. Williams was 9-for-13 from the field, matching a career scoring high.

Atlanta lost its 22nd straight on the road and 12th in a row over-

Timberwolves 102, Bobcats 97: At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett scored 22 of his 30 points in the second half, preventing the Timberwolves from being swept by

the expansion Bobcats.

Spurs 90, Nets 74: At San An tonio. Tim Duncan made a quick return to the lineup after leaving his last game with an injury, and had 19 points and eight rebounds. The Nets hit just four of their first 25 shots.

Pacers 89, Jazz 83: Stenhen Jackson scored 30 points and visiting Indiana rallied after blowing a 25-point lead. Reggie Miller finished with 24 points in his final game at Utah, which nearly

turned into an embarrassing loss Kings 85, Grizzlies 82: Mike 's long three-pointer as time expired was upheld on a controversial video review and the Kings got their 14th straight home victory against the Griz-

Peja Stojakovic's inbounds pass with 1.4 seconds left was tipped by James Posey, but the clock didn't start until Bibby grabbed the ball, turned and hit an amazing three-nointer from several feet behind the line.

Rockets 97, SuperSonics 95: At Seattle, Tracy McGrady had 35 points and Yao Ming 22, including 16 in the second half. Houston outscored the Sonics 22-6 in the third period, with those six points setting franchise records for both teams

Clippers 110. Lakers 101: Corey Maggette scored 30 points, Elton Brand had 22 points and 15 rebounds and the Clippers beat the Lakers despite Kobe Bryant's 41 points.

Bobby Simmons added 16 points, Chris Kaman scored 12 and Rick Brunson had 10 for the Clippers, who won for just the fourth time in 15 games.

## Okinawa teams take pitch

#### Kadena, Kubasaki still the favorites in soccer

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes Okinawa's Kubasaki and Kadena soccer teams have won every Far East Class AA title since the tournament began in 1998. Yet the Panthers and Dragons boys and girls squads enter the 2005 campaign taking nothing for granted.

"Soccer is one of those sports where the best team doesn't always win," said Mike Callahan, coach of two-time boys champion Kadena. "You have to compete every day."

A team that went 17-0-1 last sea son and outscored opponents 70-9 must plug holes in a defense decimated by graduation and trans-fers. Callahan said he hopes senior Devon Copeland can transition from midfield to the back line, helped by newcomers such as Kingsley McLeod.

"That's been our focus . . . working on the inexperienced de-fense," said Callahan, who is taking over for Sue Fitzpatrick, who moved to Florida

Kadena's strongest challengers appear to be Kubasaki and Seoul American -- each reached last year's Final Four

"We have a good core," Dragons coach Butch Spain said of returning midfielder Chris Monroy and strikers Sean Harter and James Reyes. "But you have to get the core to work together. We're not engraving the trophy yet."

Similarly, despite having well-schooled veterans such as junior midfielder Allen Chin, Seoul American coach Steve Boyd said knocking Okinawa off its pedestal will be tough.

"It's hard to compete with those guys. They are so superior," he said. "You can tell that those kids have played so much soccer . have played all year.

In Okinawa's warm climate. which is conducive to year-round soccer, several players play for and against Japanese club teams during the offseason. And many transfer to Okinawa from North Carolina, Virginia and California, "where soccer is big," said Kubasaki girls coach Terry Chumley.

Playing team-possession ball has been the key to Okinawa's vears of success, she said.

"You have to build a team around the team, not just two or three of your best players. Everybody has to be involved and moving. Teamwork in soccer is essential . . . the Okinawa teams demonstrate that "

With senior Erin Foote (89 goals in three seasons) on the pitch, Chumley expects her Dragons will be in every game.

"She's been ready since she was born," Chumley said of Foote, who's to play for Winthrop University in the fall.

At Kadena, coach Hoa Nguyen would insist that "it's rebuilding time" for the defending Girls Class AA champion Panthers. Other coaches argue that with 44 goals between junior striker Dianne Abel and sophomore sister Class AA soccer capsules

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Jennifer, the Panthers remain a force in Class AA.

"We always have continuity, Nguyen said of a team with four starters and seven players returning. Three of last year's key starters — goalkeeper Theresa Gittens, left wing Katie LaGrave and

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sweeper Kim Lyle - have gradu-

Junior Liz Cotto will inherit the net, while junior Niki Kauzlarich and freshman Helen Schrock take over for LaGrave.

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Conference tournaments

Championship Saturday, March 12

Atlantic Coast

Thursday, March 10 Maryland vs. Clemson North Carolina St. vs. Florida St. Miami vs. Virginia

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Sunday, March 13 Championship **Big West** 

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Championship Saturday, March 5 Eastern Kentucky 52, Austin Peay 46

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## Milwaukee sees NCAA berth on its horizon

BY ARNIE STAPLETON The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - The Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers finally got to cut down the nets, thanks to Adrian Tigert.

The senior forward's free throw with 4.2 seconds left gave the Panthers a 59-58 win over Detroit in the Horizon League championship game Tuesday night.

The Panthers didn't cut down the nets when they won the regular-season title at home, preferring to wait until winning the tournament title and the automatic NCAA bid that goes along with it.

"We saved it because we had a goal in mind," tournament MVP Joah Tucker said. "It feels good to finally cut the nets down. We sayored the moment. It means something when you're older and you say, 'We won a conference championship.' But our goal was to get into the [NCAA] tournament

After reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time in 2003, the Panthers got ahead of themselves last year when they won the regular season and then lost the tournament title game to rival Illinois-Chicago, also at U.S. Cellular Arena.

The Panthers (24-5) looked like they were blowing it again, trailing most of the night and missing 11 of 24 free throws, in-cluding the first of two by Tigert with 4.2 seconds remaining.

Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl called timeout and instructed the rest of his starters to set up on defense while trying to calm Tigert.

"I told him, 'One's as good as two. We just need one,' " Pearl explained. It worked

"I could tell he was confident he'd knock down the next one." Tucker said.

Sure enough, Tigert stepped up to the line with nothing but red shirts around him and calmly sank his second shot.

"It's nice to redeem myself," Tigert said. Despite the Panthers' efforts to keep the ball out of his hands, freshman Brandon Cotton, who had 21 points, brought the ball upcourt, hounded the whole time by Boo Davis. He was off-target on a contested jumper that would have sent the Titans to the NCAA tournament at 15-15.

Instead the vellow-and-black-clad stu dents stormed the court, something that was denied them a year ago.



Wisconsin-Milwaukee plavers celebrate as fans rush the court after beating Detroit 59-58 in the Horizon League championship on Tuesday.

Ed McCants' 18 points led the Panthers who held Detroit scoreless for the final 21/2 minutes to avoid losing the tournament title game at home for the second straight

Tucker added 15 points and Davis 12 for Milwaukee, which has won 17 of 18 and went 13-1 at home this season with its only loss coming to Detroit, a 78-68 setback Jan. Milwaukee avenged that loss 2½ weeks later with a 61-48 win at Detroit

The Titans, who went 0-13 this season when failing to score 60 points, were going for their first tournament title since 1999

Detroit coach Perry Watson was bitter, criticizing the officiating, which he called inconsistent in the closing minutes.

"These things are discouraging. want your guys to have a fair shot," Watson complained. "It's just tough when you have to look at your guys saying, 'Coach, I was fouled,' and it wasn't called. I guess I question the judgment on some of those

Cotton's 11 first-half points helped Detmit take a 30-24 lead at the break, and Muhammad Abdur-Rahim's basket to open the second half gave the Titans their biggest lead at 32-24. The Panthers responded with three straight three-pointers, two by McCants, the conference's player of the year, to go ahead 33-32. It was their first lead since 2-0.

McCants' two free throws with 10:22 remaining capped the Panthers' 17-4 surge and gave Milwaukee a 41-36 lead. But the Titans came back with nine straight points taking a 45-41 lead on Cotton's two free throws with 7:11 left

The Panthers trailed until Tucker sank two free throws with 55 seconds left to tie it

## Ragin' Cajuns get revenge, bid

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

DENTON. Texas - With strands of net behind their ears and Sun Belt tournament champion T-shirts over their jerseys, Louisiana-Lafayette's Ragin' Cajuns had good reason to celebrate And making the NCAA tourna-

ment was only part of it. As thrilled as they were to make the NCAA field for the second straight year, the Ragin' Caiuns were equally excited - and in some ways, relieved - to do so

at the expense of Denver. With an 88-69 victory over Den-ver in the finals of the Sun Belt tournament Tuesday night, Louisiana-Lafayette avenged two losses earlier this season to the team that also ended its run of three straight division titles.

"We really wanted to face them again," Ragin' Cajuns coach Rob-ert Lee said. "We wanted to come out and make a statement that we were the best team."

Tiras Wade led the way, scoring 21 of his 30 points in the second half when Louisiana-Lafayette (20-10) turned a tie game into a rout. Denver (20-10) got within 70-63 with 5:28 left, but the Ragin' Cajuns closed with an 18-6 run that included six free throws by Wade

"The first two times we played them, we didn't play to the best of our ability." said Wade, who scored a tournament-record 82 points and was named its most outstanding player. "We believe we have the best five starters in the Sun Belt. If we didn't beat ourselves, we were confident we would get the win."

Although Denver missed a chance to make its first appearance in the NCAA Division I tournament, the Pioneers couldn't be too disappointed. Denver has only been in D-I since 1999 after spending 19 seasons in NAIA and Division II.

"It was an unbelievable year,"

coach Terry Carroll said. "We accomplished things no one thought we would do.'

Rodney Billups led Denver with 16 points but had just three assists, half his season average. Yemi Nicholson had 14 points and nine rebounds and Erik Benzel scored 15.

"It was more about what Lafavette did right than about what we did wrong," Carroll said. 'They're an experienced, veteran team that's been in this situation before and that's a huge benefit." Wade's NCAA tournament ex-

periences have been bittersweet The past two years, he's had to watch his teammates play without being able to join them.

He missed last year's trip be-

cause he was sitting out the season after transferring from East essee State. He played for ETSU the previous year when it made the NCAAs, but left the squad before the tournament.

"I finally got there. Finally!" Wade said. "It feels better than I thought it would feel."

## **Upstaged:** At-large berth unlikely for Oral Roberts

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In the Mid-Continent final Scott scored 19 points and Marshall scored 18 for Oakland. The Golden Grizzlies were making their first appearance in the tournament championship. And now, the 8-year-old Division I program will play in the NCAA tournament for the first time

Caleb Green scored 13 points and Tutt added 12 for the Golden Eagles (25-7), whose hopes for their first NCAA tournament ap pearance in 21 years were likely dashed. No Mid-Continent team has been an at-large selection to the NCAA tournament, but the Golden Eagles have an 81-63 win against Georgetown on their ré-

sumé. They just missed another impressive win, falling 69-68 at Indi-

"I don't think we have much of

a chance." Oral Roberts coach Scott Sutton said. "I'll be extremely disappointed if we don't make the NIT. I think we deserve to continue to play."

"I'm just numb," Oral Roberts Luke Spencer-Gardner said. "I'm not really feeling all that much. I'm just shocked. This

isn't the way it was meant to be. Oral Roberts used a 9-2 run to take a 44-43 lead, capped when Green took a pass from Tutt, whirled around Oakland's David Ritzema and scored.

After that, the lead changed five times and the teams were tied four times before Spencer-Gardner's two free throws put the Golden Eagles ahead 59-57 with 2:20 to play.

Scott hit one of two free throws to bring Oakland within a point, and Bluitt's answer at the other end left an opening for Oakland to

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## Oakland upsets top-seeded Oral Roberts, earns Mid-Continent's NCAA berth with losing record

BY JEFF LATZKE The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. - All those impossible road trips and murderous nonconference games have fi-

nally paid off for Oakland. After starting the season with seven losses and getting roughed up at Illinois, Missouri, Xavier, Texas A&M and Michigan State, the Golden Grizzlies are going to the NCAA tournament with a

12-18 record. Pierre Dukes hit a three-pointer with 1.3 seconds left and Oakland (Mich.) upset top-seeded Oral Roberts 61-60 Tuesday night to win the Mid-Continent Conference tournament and an automatic bid to the NCAAs.

"Even though our record might not show it, we are a good team," forward Rawle Marshall said. "We know how to play.

Oakland got its chance to win after Jonathan Bluitt hit one of two free throws to make it 60-58 Marshall found Dukes on the left side, and Dukes was looking to make another pass, but he couldn't find anyone open.



Oakland's Patrick McCloskey blocks a shot by Oral Roberts' Caleb Green during the first half of the Mid-Continent tou

"I wasn't on-balance, but the clock was running down and I couldn't find Rawle or Cortney [Scott], so I had to let it fly,"

Dukes said

The shot splashed through, and when Ken Tutt couldn't hit a desperation jumper for Oral Roberts, in a huddle on the court.

It's the fourth straight season a team with a losing record has made the NCAA tournament. Each of the previous three — Siena in 2002, North Caroli-na-Asheville in 2003 and Florida A&M last year — won the "play-in" game, then lost to the No. 1 seed in the first round.

Oakland finished 7-9 in the conference and was the seventh seed in the tournament. The Grizzlies never won more than two games in a row in the regular season, but have a five-game winning streak after three straight tournament victories.

"This season, we've been through a lot of adversity, a lot of tough losses," Marshall said. "It couldn't get no worse for us.

"We just wanted to go out there and play, and that's all we wanted to do. The pressure wasn't on us. It was on them."

Two more teams advanced to the NCAAs. In the Horizon, Wisconsin-Milwaukee beat Detroit 59-58; in the Sun Belt, Louisiana-Lafayette beat Denver 88-69.

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